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Wal-Mart: beginning of a West Sac debate?

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Some pieces of property are simply more colorful than others, and West Sacramento's "Riverpoint" acreage near Reed Avenue and I-80 may not be finished giving some city residents fits. The property has been steered unsuccessfully towards development as shopping centers, an auto mall and – most recently – as a very controversial Indian gaming casino. But current attempts by its owners to fulfill the land's commercially-zoned destiny are bringing new debate.

Two major stores proposed for Riverpoint now include Ikea, the Swedish furniture store, and Wal-Mart, the American discounter. Neither the property's developers, the companies' officials, nor the city has announced a deal yet to bring either store to the site. But the stores have both been bandied about by insiders and by the media.

Labor unions linked to grocery clerks have begun a lobbying effort that may try to head off Wal-Mart from opening a "superstore," a kind of Wal-Mart store which could combine discount groceries with the sale of "hard goods." And both Wal-Mart and the land's owners, a Frank Ramos/Buzz Oates partnership, are known to campaign in the face of resistance.

Wal-Mart stores frequently create anxiety when they are pondering a new store in a new community. While some consumers welcome their low prices, others fear their "draining" effect on current downtown retailers who can't match the pricing of a Wal-Mart.

In this case, labor leaders also evidently fear the loss of union jobs if Wal-Mart sucks grocery sales away from local union-staffed supermarkets. Wal-Marts are typically non-union.

Val Toppenberg, West Sacramento's Redevelopment Agency director, has drafted a report for the city council talking about some of the mixed effects of such large retailers upon a community. That report, he said, was stimulated by City Councilmember Mark Montemayor, who in term received a sample "anti-superstore" ordinance from fellow councilman Bill Kristoff.

Kristoff has publicly recused himself from the Wal-Mart issue after having become a paid consultant for labor leaders fighting Wal-Mart all over the region.

The sample city ordinance restricts huge stores – but only if they try to sell groceries.

Isn't it true that this does little to protect "mom and pop" businesses such as hardware stores or clothing stores, while engaging in "protectionism" for Safeway and Raley's?

"That's probably an accurate assessment," agreed Toppenberg – who stressed that the ordinance came via Montemayor and has not been worked on by his staff.

"We're just recommending the council talks about it tonight," with no plans to vote on it, said Toppenberg. The council meets in public session at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Think tank



Several dozen people attended a dinner-time "community input meeting" to discuss the structure and operation of the planned new West Sacramento high school on Tuesday at the civic center.

The meeting was hosted by Washington Unified School District and is part of a planning process funded by a foundation created by software mogul Bill Gates.

Among the presentors at Monday's meeting were a handful of students from the "TechPrep Academy" currently part of the curriculum at River City High School. They talked about what they're learning and where they intend to continue their studies.

Child unhurt after car chase

A car containing an assault suspect and his 17-month old son was flipped during a police stop Wednesday, ending a high-speed chase that began at a Jefferson Blvd. gas station.

West Sacramento police officers were dispatched to the Chevron Station at 1015 Jefferson Blvd. at about 8:20 p.m. after a disturbance involving a male and a female at that location was reported, according to Detective Amy Weirich of the W.S.P.D. The first officer to arrive was confronted by the suspect and struggled with him – following which the suspect fled in his vehicle, striking and injuring the officer during his escape.

The suspect failed to stop for other officers on a 12-minute chase through West Sacramento reaching speeds of up to 100 m.p.h. A spike strip was deployed on West Capitol Avenue and succeeded in puncturing all four of the suspect's tires, said Weirich, but still he didn't stop.

Near the 1800-block of West Capitol, a California Highway Patrol unit assisting in the pursuit used a "pursuit intervention technique" to try to stop the suspect car, and the suspect's vehicle ultimately overturned in a field, said Wierich. The 17-month old infant appeared uninjured, but was taken to an area hospital along with the suspect and the injured officer.

The man in custody is identified as Douglas Clark, age 34 and a resident of Park Blvd. (by one independent report). Clark, a parolee, faces "numerous" felony charges including child endangerment, assault on an officer, and evading officers during a pursuit, said Weirich.

The News-Ledger was not immediately successful in obtaining other information.

Developers' 'fair share' for school

At least one resident has questioned whether the ballot argument in favor of Measure Q, the successful local $52 million high school bond measure, was accurate in its claim that "developers will pay their fair share to build this new school."

Jon Baker, an assistant superintendent for the Washington Unified School District, told the News-Ledger that fees are routinely placed on new development to help cover school construction costs.

"We collect 'x' amount of dollars per square foot of construction for residential or commercial, and that money goes into a pot," said Baker. "Part of that will go for the high school, part for the magnet school or charter school (planned to be built) in Lighthouse, and so on."

How much of this money actually goes to building the planned high school remains unknown, added Baker.

"We'll use the bond dollars and also maximize what we can get from the state, and whatever is leftover that we can't meet, we'll use the developer fees for."

WUSD: school plans, layoffs –

An architect has been selected to design West Sacramento's new high school.

Pam Geivett, an assistant to Washington Unified School District Superintendent Patrick Campbell, said yesterday that the school board has chosen DLR Vitiello – whose credits include design of Rosemont High School in Sacramento Unified. A contract may be approved at the board's March 24 meeting.

The district plans to put the school near Linden Road and Jefferson Blvd., with help from the recently-passed $52 million school bond.

Meanwhile, Bill Mesquita, the director of human resources, reports that the district sent out about 60 notices of potential layoff this month. But the district still hopes to actually follow through on very few of those layoffs, he added.

"We're doing everything we can to try to bring back all the teachers we trained and who want to work in the schools," said Mesquita.

Depending on possible growth in next year's student body – which brings more funds and requires more teachers – and depending on teachers' attrition by retirement or transfer, he said, few or no layoffs may still occur.

Neighbors for Nugget: Southport stores sign on —

A website for the planned "Southport Town Center" at Jefferson Blvd. and Linden Road reports a growing list of commercial tenants.

Along with the planned Nugget Market are expected a SAFE Credit Union, Lyon & Associates Realtors, Quik Pack & Ship, Starbucks, Subway, Round Table Pizza, Blockbuster Video, Cellular Warehouse, and a dentist, beauty salon, nail salon, dry cleaner and hair stylist.

Occupancy for the first phase of the project, including Nugget, is slated for July.

Excavating error:

Sewage spilled, contained

A crew working on construction of a new two-lane bridge at Jefferson Blvd. and the barge canal accidentally excavated into a force main for a city sewage system, resulting in the brief release of 500 gallons per minute of sewage.

A detention basin was constructed to keep the sewage from entering the nearby barge canal waters, and the flow was shut down after about 15 minutes. The detained sewage – about 40,000 gallons of it -- was later pumped into trucks and taken for disposal, said Art Schroeder of the West Sacramento City Manager's office.

The broken pipeline was replaced by 5:30 p.m., he added.

The work was being done by private contractors as part of the Jefferson Blvd. widening project.

Heroin sales suspects 'stung'

A county task force of narcotics officers believes it has arrested people responsible for distributing heroin to West Sacramento street-level salespeople as well as to others in the Sacramento-Yolo region. The alleged dealers were believed to be involved in distributing the drug to a home West Sacramento's Bryte (northwestern) neighborhood, where two people were earlier arrested for heroin sales.

Officials of the Yolo County Narcotics Enforcement Team (YONET) conducted surveillance and interviews before determining that Ruben Alberto Ceja, a 30-year old resident of South Sacramento, was distributing "ounce quantities" to sellers in West Sacramento, said a YONET statement this week.

Also according to YONET: Undercover agents negotiated the purchase of two ounces of "tar" heroin from Ceja and agreed to meet him at the McDonalds parking lot near Harbor Blvd. and West Capitol. At about 6 p.m. on Monday, Ceja arrived to meet them, in a white Honda Accord with a passenger . Ceja accepted money from the officers and retrieved the heroin from passenger Manuel Mesina Gutierrez, 25, before giving it to an undercover agent.

Both Ceja and Gutierrez were immediately arrested and bail was later set at $150,000 each.

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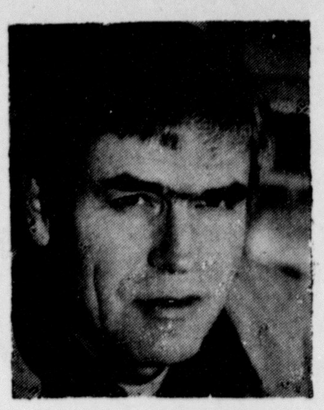
Last week's News-Ledger reported on the "Ironworks" residential project proposed for part of West Sacramento's downtown riverfront area, near Raley Field.

The article mentioned that the subdivision would include private and gated streets.

A company spokesperson has reported that while streets within the Ironworks will indeed be privately owned, they will not be gated and the public will have access to them. The News-Ledger regrets the mistake.

You can learn a lot from your kid's homework

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

Editor's note: Daryl is taking the week off from column writing. Below is one of his favorites from the past.

The other evening, as my daughter raced from her bedroom to the bathroom to put on her makeup, she blurted out, "I need you to do me a favor, Dad!"

"And what's that?" I asked as she flew past me.

She stuck her head out of the bathroom and yelled, "I hadn't planned on going out tonight. I was going to stay home and study. I have a whole bunch of short stories I have to read by tomorrow for my English class."

"So, what's that got to do with me?" I asked her.

"Well, I'll try to get back early, but I'm still not going to have the time to do all that reading. Would you read a couple of them for me? You know, and then tell me what they were about when I get back from the movies?"

"But there's a King's game on TV tonight," I whined, much like my youngest son does when I tell him it's dark and he has to come inside. "Sorry, but I don't think so."

"Then how about just reading one of them for me?" she pleaded. "Come on. There'll always be another stupid ball game to watch. Oh, please?"

The short story I was assigned was called "Gooseberries" and it was penned by the famous Russian writer, Anton Chekhov. As I began to read, I discovered that it was first published in 1898 and dealt with the theme of personal happiness, what it is, and maybe what it isn't.

The story is told by Ivan Ivanych and revolves around his brother, Nikolay, who is a couple of years younger than Ivan and stuck toiling away in a government office, warming a seat that he hates and stuck in a profession he can't stand. Slowly but surely, Nikolay begins dreaming of someday owning his own property on the banks of a river in the country where he can have bird-houses, garden paths, ponds, animals, and his own gooseberry bushes. It isn't long before his whole life is consumed with this goal and he is absolutely sure he can never be truly happy unless his dream of a life in the country can someday become reality. He begins drawing plans for his grand estate and depriving himself of food, fun and drink so he will someday have enough money to purchase it. He becomes terribly stingy, dresses like a beggar and alienates all of his friends and family because all he thinks of and talks about is someday owning property in the country.

Years pass, and for the sake of obtaining some property with a gooseberry patch, he marries a rich, elderly, homely widow whom he is glad to see die three years later, leaving him all her money. He quickly finds 300 acres he can now afford and it proves to be everything he had ever wanted. It has a big house, servants quarters, and in time, a pond for ducks, a park, and scores of gooseberry bushes.

Nikolay quietly settles down to the life of a country gentleman, his dream fulfilled, his happiness now assured. It has taken him over 20 years, he has alienated all of the people who ever loved him and married a woman he couldn't stand, but he is finally happy. He is no longer a poor, timid clerk, but rather a real landowner and a gentleman.

Ivan visits his brother and tells us that, "I saw a truly happy man, one whose cherished dream had so obviously come true, who had attained his goal in life, who had got what he wanted, who was satisfied with his lot and himself."

Ivan, however, can't get over the fact that his brother is now totally oblivious to real life; "To the insolence and idleness of the strong, the ignorance and brutishness of the weak, the horrible poverty all around him, of overcrowding, drunkenness, hypocrisy, and lying." How can such a man be happy, Ivan asks himself.

Maybe we trick ourselves into thinking we're happy, Ivan decides. And we do such a good of it that, "We see people go to market, eat by day, sleep by night, babble nonsense, marry, grow old, and good-naturedly drag their dead to the cemetery, but we do not see or hear those who suffer, and what is terrible in life goes on somewhere behind the scenes; obviously the happy man is at ease only because the unhappy ones bear their burdens in silence, and without this silence, happiness would be impossible."

Anyway, as I finally completed my homework assignment, I asked myself if maybe, just maybe, we've got it all wrong? This happiness thing we've all bought into, does it really even exist? And if a person like Nikolay Ivanych can be genuinely happy, using such horrible means to get there, then maybe it's not really worth all the precious time and energy we spend on its pursuit anyway?

Could it be that Chekhov is right when he has his protagonist say, "There is no happiness and there should be none, and if life has a meaning and a purpose, that meaning and purpose is not our own personal happiness, but something far greater and more rational. Do good!"

Spring reading

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutcheson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans" by Eve LaPlante.

"The Anatomy of Hope: How People Prevail in the Face of Illness" by Jerome Groopman, M.D.

"The Riddle and the Knight: In Search of Sir John Mandeville, the World's Greatest Traveller" by Giles Milton.

"Glory, Passion, and Principle: The Story of Eight Remarkable Women at the Core of the American Revolution" by Melissa Lukeman Bohrer.

"The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America's Response" by Peter Balakian.

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Obituaries

Norma June Lloyd



Norma Lloyd passed away at home in West Sacramento, California, on March 10, 2004, at the age of 64. She was born in Stigler, Oklahoma, on May 12, 1939, and was a hard working woman who took great pride in the many years she spent working in care homes.

Norma was the beloved wife of 33 years to Freeman (deceased); the loving mother of Ronnie Mulkey, Annette (Guy) Shaw, Fred Mulkey Jr. (Catherene), Rowena Hutchings, Tommie (deceased) (Carole) Lloyd, and Johnnie Lloyd; the devoted sister of Jim (Linda) Madron; cousin to Robert (Bonnie) Decker and Jack (Kathy) Decker; a devoted grandmother to Cody Mulkey, Jah (Erin) Lloyd, Ashley and Christopher Walker, and great grandmother to Tommie and Alexander Lloyd. She was also a wonderful friend to Patricia Harris, Trish Chorjel (Ernie), James Little and Eileen Horgan.

Funeral services for Norma will be held at McNary's Chapel, 458 College Street, in Woodland, California, at 2 p.m. on March 18, 2004. Interment will follow at Monument Hill Memorial Park, 35036 County Road 22, also in Woodland. A Memorial Service will also be held at that time for Freeman and Tommie Lloyd.

Norma and her family wish to give special thanks to the wonderful caring staff at Sutter VNA Hospice for providing such great care to the entire family.

Jack Stanley Richmond

Jack Richmond was born on February 9, 1939 in New York and passed away on February 27, 2004 in West Sacramento. He was a retired bartender and a resident of Yolo County for five years.

He is survived by his daughter, Leana Richmond, and his ex-wife, Martha Richmond. His remains were returned to his family.

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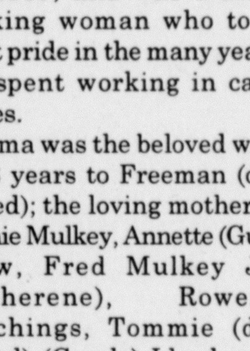
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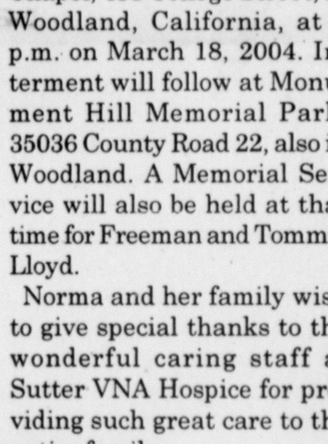
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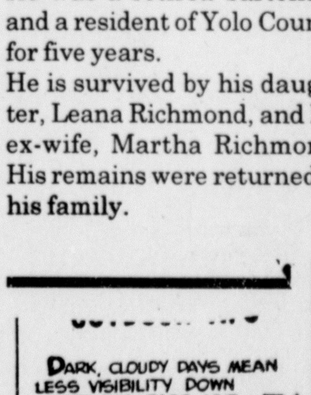
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Stated Income loans kind of work just the way they sound, in that all we are doing is "stating" your income on the loan application. But unfortunately it is not as easy as that! To be the "true" stated income borrower you most of the time have to be self employed; second you would need to have been self employed for a minimum of two years. We don't look at tax returns, or pay stubs, or W-2's, we just write down how much income you make with no verification needed. HOWEVER, don't let this fool you, there are some quirks to this type of loan you must be aware of. The simplest thing you have to remember is that the BEST loans are those that we can prove your income. The rates and loan parameters are based solely on a matrix. Meaning we look entirely at credit scores. The higher the credit scores the less hits to the rate, the lower the credit scores the more hits to the rate. Second is the loan to value. The higher loan to value coupled with a low credit score means a higher rate. There may even be hits to the rate for those with high credit scores and high loan to value. Also we look at reserves. Reserves are liquid assets to cover the payment in case of lost income. Everything in factored in when determining the rate and potential down payment when it comes to using a "stated income" loan. Also when we are writing in your income we have to be as accurate as possible that coincides with the profession we list on the application, you can't lie! Stated income loans also work with "employed" people as well; the lender will call your employer to verify you still work there, not asking your income. But here again your income has to coincide with your job. Stated income loans have become a huge part of our bag of loans we offer nowadays, but I must prepare you that not always will a stated loan work for you. There is much more to this type of loan that I just don't have room for, but feel free to call me anytime should you have any questions about using a "stated income" loan. Then you can ask me about a "No Income No Asset" loan!

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (49-17) departed for another three game East Coast road trip after beating up the San Antonio Spurs 101-87 last Sunday afternoon. The Spurs, who were playing without MVP Tim Duncan, were tied up at 68 apiece ending the third quarter. The fourth quarter looked like the Alamo for the outgunned Spurs. A wild Brad Miller led the Kings in the fourth quarter that put on an 18-4 run on the Spurs while forcing the eight turnovers. It didn't help that the Spurs offense ran out of bullets, missing their first five shots to go along with the eight turnovers!

The Kings still maintain their 3 ½ game lead over Minnesota and 5 ½ over the Lakers. The good news for the Kings is they have only 16 games remaining in the regular season, but the bad news is that only six of them are at

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RC tennis squad racks up more wins

The River City High School tennis team began defense of its Capital Valley Conference (CVC) crown with a pair of 9 to 0 victories last week. The team's overall record in the young 2004 season improved to 6 wins and 1 loss.

The CVC opener was in Rio Linda against an inexperienced Knights team that returned only four players from last year's varsity squad. RC's girls singles players allowed only four games -- Mai Ker Yang 6-0,6-1 at #1 and cousin Leslie Yang 6-0,6-3 at #2. Their teammates in boys singles gave up only two games as Judd Jadol won 6-1,6-1 in the top spot and Sen Saetern shut out his opponent 6-0,6-0 at #2. Heather Yip and Kyle Fisher also posted a "bagel", winning 10-0 in mixed doubles.

Thursday's match against visiting Highlands brought more of the same from the Raiders as Jadol and both the Yangs won 6-0,6-0 in their singles contests. RC Coach Dave Brooks elected to sit many of the team's top doubles players against the young Scots, which gave some of his other players the opportunity to make their varsity debuts. Sophomore Ou Saejao and junior Lu Saetern cruised to a 10-0 win in the #2 boys doubles position while junior Brian Koell and sophomore Kristina Michener also blanked their opponents in the day's mixed doubles match.

The competition figures to be much tougher this week as River City hosts two teams looking to finish in the top half of the CVC, Dixon on March 18th and Center on March 23rd. Both matches will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the Raider tennis courts.

Swimmers on their mark

By Patricia A. Andrews

The River City High School swim team opened the 2004 season with a league win over Foothill High School with scores of 105 to 38 for the Lady Raiders, and 94 to 3 for the men.

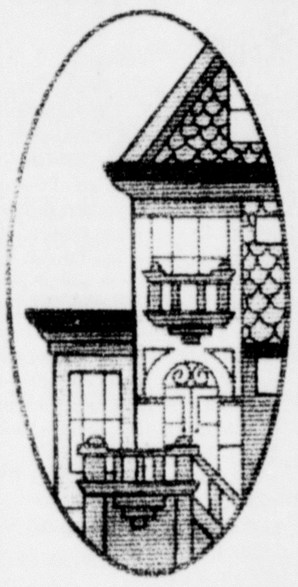
Returning veterans Jenna Alander, Tricia Andrews, Lizzie Harris, Caitlin Paige, Chelsea Farnsworth, Daniel Rumsey and Shaun Tapia are joined by Kelsey Bozeman, Baylee Chavez-Corsi, Chamille Cunningham, Tracy Davis, Ashley Lamb, Erica Moore, Victoria Parks, Johnna Sulpizio, Eli Zinzun, Andrew and Anthony Blue, Cameron Davis, Michael Ramos, Patrick Stewart and Ryan Westlake.

While not indicated by the scores, several races were cliffhangers. Of special interest were the performances of Andrew and Anthony Blue who joined the swim team in February with neither of them knowing how to swim. However, with hard work and excellent coaching they are winning points for the team.

Lady Raider highlights included a first place finish by Jenna Alander in the 100 breast stroke and a second in the 200 yard individual medley; Tricia Andrews, first in the 100 yard butterfly and third in the individual medley; Kelsey Bozeman, first in the 200 freestyle and second in the 100 freestyle; Caitlin Paige, first in the 50 freestyle; Tracey Davis, first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 100 breast stroke; Lizzie Harris, second in the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle; Chelsea Farnsworth, second in the 200 freestyle; Erica Moore, second in the 50 freestyle; and Ashley Lamb, second in the 100 back stroke. The team of Alander, Andrews, Harris and Davis won the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay, while the team of Bozeman, Paige, Lamb, and Moore won the 200 freestyle relay.

In the men's competition Ryan Westlake finished first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly; Anthony Blue was first in the 50 and 100 freestyle; Daniel Rumsey was first in the 200 freestyle; Cameron Davis was first in the 500 yard freestyle

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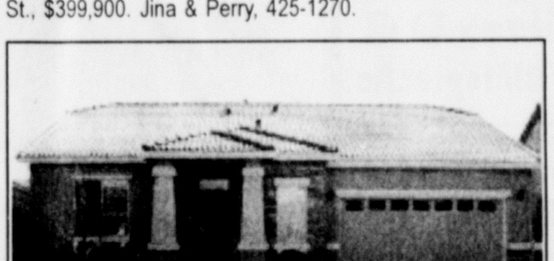
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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. Name the five catchers who have been drafted No. 1 overall in baseball's amateur draft.
2. How many seasons has Arizona's Randy Johnson recorded double-digit totals in victories?
3. Of the nine players in college football who have rushed for 2,000-plus yards in a season, how many have gone on to win the Heisman Trophy in the same season?
4. Who is the all-time leader in career points scored for the Milwaukee Bucks?
5. Name the first Ohio native to score a goal for the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.
6. One NASCAR racing team put three drivers in the top 10 in the points standings for 2003. Who was it?
7. How many Grand Slam titles did tennis' Martina Hingis win?

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 1 , 2004
File No. 04-230

The following person is doing business as Singh's Landscaping, 3590 Partridge Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Parminder Singh Bola, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9-10-03.

/s/Parminder Singh Bola

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 1, 2004
by: /s/Matt Lugo, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Rivers Tentative Subdivision Map #4681 in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of subdividing 10.7 acres into 54 single-family lots. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916/617-4645.)

Any affected or interested parties may appear at the April 15, 2004, Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on April 15, 2004, in the City Council chambers located 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard.

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ORDINANCE SUMMARIES

At their regular meeting on March 10, 2004, the West Sacramento City Council adopted, by the vote noted below, Ordinance 04-3 repealing and enacting Chapter 15.14 of the Municipal Code concerning fire sprinklers and other miscellaneous changes; and Ordinance 04-7 amending and re-enactin gChapter 15.12 of the Municipal Code concerning fire sprinklers and other miscellaneous changes; and Ordinance 04-6 authorizing an amendment to the contract between the City and California Public Employees Retirement System to allow the city's elected officials the option to join the PERS retirement system. The ordinances will be effective 30 days after adoption, or April 9, 2004.

AYES: Kristoff, Montemayor, Pierson, Villegas, Cabaldon
NOES: None

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SUMMONS
(CITATION JUDICIAL)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO)

Estate of David Glenn Dorsett, the testate and intestate successors of David Glenn Dorsett, all persons claiming by, through or under such decedent; and all persons unknown claiming any equitable title, estate, lien, or interest in the real property; described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff's; title, or any cloud to plaintiff's title thereto; and DOES 1-200, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):
Robyn Dorsett

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

*Tene 30 DIAS CALENDARIO despues de que el entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (*www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/*) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento ye la corte la podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y blenes sin mas advertencia.*

*Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatemente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro, en el sitio web de California Legal Services (*www.lawhelpcalifornia.org*), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (*www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/*) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.*

CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso): CV04-200

The name and address of the court is *(El Nombre y direccion de la corte es)*: Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, *is (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es)*: Linda S. Patrick (Bar #182950), Law Office of Guy G. Gibson, Jr., 1540 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, phone no: (916) 371-5780, Fax No: (916) 371-1624.

Date *(Fecha)* Feb. 13, 2004
James B. Perry, Clerk *(Secretario)* by /s/ Deputy *(Adjunto)*

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 26, 2004
File No. 2004-212

The following person is doing business as West Sacramento Custom Fabrication, 3963 Commerce Dr, W. Sac. 95691:

Bullet Guard Corp., same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-23-04.

/s/Sharon Durst

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 26, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
March 17, 2004
City of West Sacramento
1110 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 617-4555

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of West Sacramento.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 8, 2004 the City of West Sacramento will submit a request to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the release of Small Cities Community Development block Grant Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as West Capitol Housing Project for the purpose of acquisition of a 0.73-acre parcel at 1731 West Capitol Avenue (APN 67-270-05). Estimated cost of acquisition is $1,950,000. A housing project on the site is anticipated to occur within twelve months as a separate action.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of West Sacramento has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environment Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1989 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of West Sacramento Grants & Community Investment Department, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. All comments received by April 1, 2004 will be considered by the City of West Sacramento prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of West Sacramento certifies to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that Tina Gontarski in her capacity as Director of Grants & Community Investment consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of West Sacramento to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of West Sacramento certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of West Sacramento; (b) the City of West Sacramento has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HCD at 1800 3rd Street, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95814. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tina Gontarski, Director of Grants & Community Investment

March 17

NOTICE OF HEARING
APRIL 1, 2004

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday April 1, 2004, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1

Ironworks Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM 03-21 & TSM 04-03)

This item is a request to subdivide approximately 7.2 acres into 112 single-family residential lots with private streets. Unit 2 of the proposed project would subdivide approximately 8.8 acres into 76 single-family parcels also with private streets. A Planned Development Permit is also proposed to implement the project's specific layout and design. A development agreement is also proposed. The project is located at 800 Delta Lane (APN #58-310-04) and is zoned WF/PD-41 (Waterfront, Planned Development 41). A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER: John & Denise Jelaco, 2840 Ficus Street, Pomona, CA 91766-6501. APPLICANT: Ironworks Associates LLC, 1435 River Park Drive, Suite 415, Sacramento, CA 95815. (DT)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Books

"The Art of the Return of the King"
by Gary Russell
(Houghton Mifflin, $35)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

The long-awaited conclusion to the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, "The Return of the King," recently enjoyed an unprecedented sweep at the 2004 Academy Awards, including an Oscar for Best Picture. Another statue brought top honors in Art Direction, and it is praise well-earned. "The Art of the Return of the King" shows us why.

The work of a legion of talented artisans is on display in these pages. Hundreds of elaborate sketches, background paintings and digital composites map out the land- and cityscapes of Middle Earth. Others trace the evolution of its people from rough outline to living incarnation, often utilizing outstanding makeup or ground-breaking CGI techniques.

Then they are given glorious things to wear and wield — and not just for looks, either; even the weapon of the humblest anonymous bad guy has a backstory, a design motif and a reason for why it looks and works the way it does. The monsters get their turn in the spotlight as well, even those who would as soon prefer scuttling out of it.

As befits a tale of the ultimate showdown of good versus evil, many of the book's designs deal with darkness, nastiness and war. But the designers of Middle Earth seemed to revel in the challenge of making the ugly truly terrifying and the pure resiliently beautiful.

Understanding the sheer amount of work that went into these films, not to mention the depth of detail and feeling behind it, enhances any viewer's enjoyment of the movies. Along with the companion books to the two previous installments, "The Art of the Return of the King" is definitely worth a look for anyone interested in fantasy or filmmaking, and they are certainly a set that no fan's library should be without.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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top 10 movies

1. **The Passion of The Christ** ..(R)
James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci
2. **50 First Dates** .....(PG-13)
Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore
3. **Twisted** .....(R)
Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson
4. **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** .....(PG)
Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia
5. **Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights** .....(PG-13)
Rene Lavan, January Jones
6. **Miracle** .....(PG)
Kurt Russell, Eddie Cahill
7. **Eurotrip** .....(R)
Scott Mechlowicz, Jacob Pitts
8. **Welcome to Mooseport** (PG-13)
Gene Hackman, Ray Romano
9. **Barbershop 2: Back in Business** .....(PG-13)
Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer
10. **Broken Lizard's Club Dread** .....(R)
Bill Paxton, Kevin Heffernan

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There are many ways to be free. One of them is to transcend reality by imagination, as I try to do.
—Anais Nin
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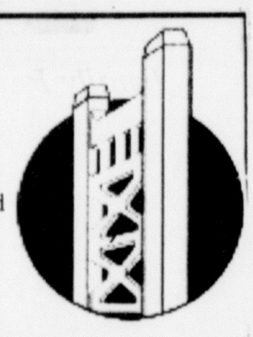
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Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
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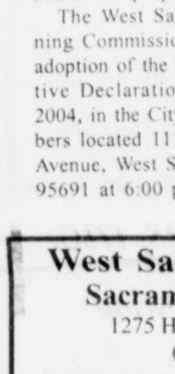
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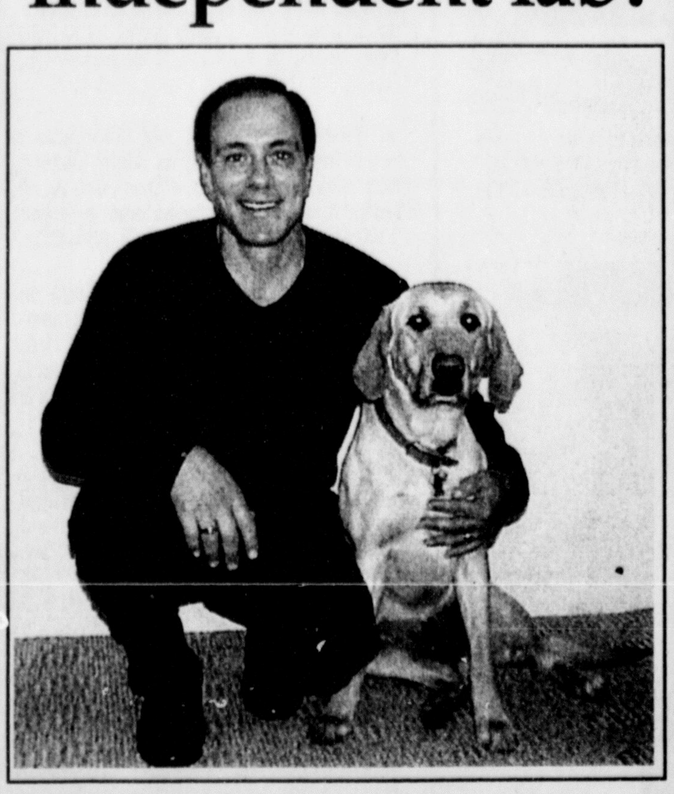
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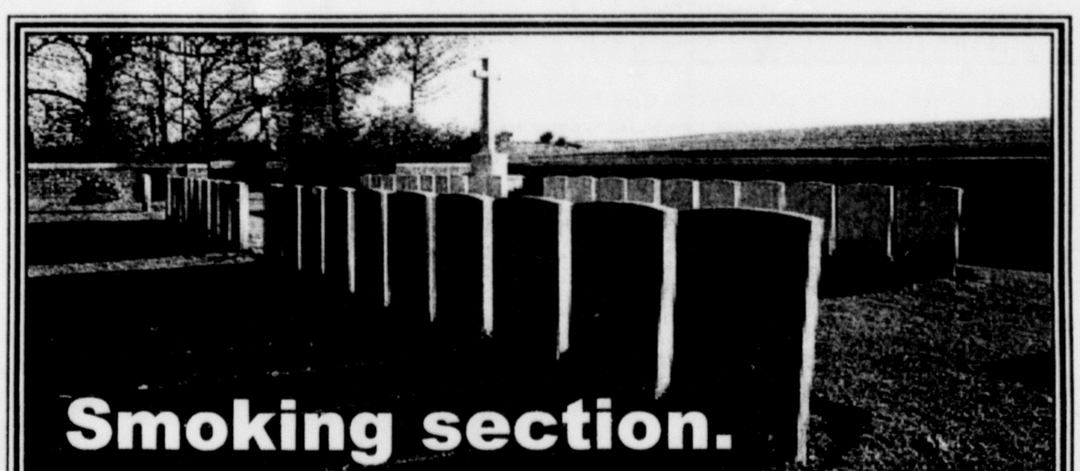
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Guest Commentary:

Ladies, are you wearing the right shoes?

By Diane Steinbach
Guest Columnist

Editor's note: Diane Steinbach is an art therapist, writer and columnist. Her books, The Practical Guide to Art Therapy Groups and Art Activities for Groups are available on-line at Amazon.com. She lives in Mississippi with her husband and her fish.

Some people say the clothes make the man, but I think its shoes that make a woman. This philosophy comes from years of personal research and long talks with my mother. I know it's not very scientific, but my research may explain why women tend to have this fascination with shoes. They are not just matching an outfit. They are defining who they are, where they came from, and who they hope to be. Some get it right away; for others it takes hundreds of pairs of shoes to understand it. Take my story for example.

My feet have always been a problem for me. I was born with narrow feet, so narrow in fact they affected my ability to stand up. Despite ballet school, I was never very graceful and I blamed my feet for that. When I walked, I would trip. If I tried to run, I'd fall. I spent most of my youth in plaster casts from the eight broken arms, wrists, and ankles that I acquired from routinely falling over.

I have spent a lifetime in uncomfortable shoes, but they always seemed to fit, at least for a while, and not just my feet, but who I was. As a child I wore saddle shoes. The black and white classic labeled me a nerd and an outsider to the other kids at school and around the neighborhood. My mother proclaimed that she, too, wore saddle shoes, and that she and I just had good taste! But nerd I was in narrow little saddle shoes, although they of course were not solely responsible for my nerdiness; I also stuttered and had a lisp. My teeth were crooked, too, but to add braces to this already super nerd picture would have been a crime and may have resulted in me being labeled the poster girl for all geeks. But I somehow survived saddle shoes, speech therapy and social ineptitude and made it into high school.

In my late teens, I wore black shoes. I needed them to match my black shirts and pants. The ensemble helped me blend with the Rocky Horror Picture Show midnight movie crowd and the downtown artsy folks who hung out at the coffeehouses. I didn't know back then that going to movies with subtitles didn't guarantee acceptance into the sub culture. My black shoes, I thought, announced to the world that I was "deep" and that with them, I would finally fit in.

My mother didn't really appreciate my black phase. She would say, "Diane, you would look so pretty in yellow and pink." She even tried to set an example by wearing bright colored clothes and declaring "To hell with housework" and similar kinds of sentiments. I would try to appease her occasionally by wearing regular brown shoes, but they weren't me back then, and back in my black shoes I would be within hours.

Eventually, my black days ended and I began wearing flats, kind of dressy, but oh so painful. I started wearing these as I left college and joined the working world. I also wore flats because I was 5'9" and my fiance was 5'6". We lived together, much to the dismay of my mother, who at this point in her life wore penny loafers.

While my footwear grew more painful, my mother's grew more and more comfortable. At age 62 she began wearing tennis shoes, and to cement our very special relationship, I was convinced we needed to buy some red high-top basketball shoes. "Nothing says fun like red high-tops," I told her. She came to the shoe store with me, but as I purchased mine, she chickened out.

Soon thereafter, my mother got cancer. Then she wore bed slippers.

Her fight with cancer took two years. My penny loafer mother wasn't the happy "To hell with housework" mom anymore. But in conversations I will always cherish, she made sure I understood that I shouldn't live my life in uncomfortable shoes that hurt my feet, or spend my life in a bad relationship that hurt my heart. Life is too short.

It wasn't long before I got rid of all my flat shoes -- and my fiance -- and invested my time and efforts in finding just the right fun shoe, and just the right fun man.

I now have red shoes, yellow shoes, and even motorcycle boots, but no flats. I also married that fun man I was hoping for. And if my feet ever hurt, he rubs them for me.

Now when I look at women stumbling around in uncomfortable shoes, running in heels to get their kids to school, or walking on their toes so the back of their heels won't bleed, all for fashion or to please a boss, I remind myself that they may not get it yet, but they will.

So, I challenge all you women out there whose feet ache day after day to stop squeezing yourself into a shape that doesn't fit. All of the rest of us -- in our red high-tops, torn athletic shoes, slippers and even clown shoes -- are waiting for you!

I still wear my red high-tops, especially when I am sad, especially when I think about my mom. You just can't wear red high-tops without feeling a little bit happier, a little bit sillier. And they go especially well with my "To Hell With Housework" sweatshirt.

In local government

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet tonight in public session at 7 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items will include:

Plans and bids for the Park Blvd. street rehabilitation project; bids for Bridgeway Island Park No. 2; lease agreement with WUSD to include skate park; agreement between city and stationary engineers local; a request by the Grupe Co. to change the name of Lighthouse Drive (Grupe has requested this item be delayed); public hearing on appeal of planning commission approval of Benkert Estates tentative map on Linden Road (this appeal has been withdrawn); hearing regarding RAMCO Enterprises appeal of planning commission's approval of permit for a 20-inch petroleum pipeline; fire station location study; workshop on impacts of large retail development, and other issues.

The **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will meet Thursday evening in open session at 6 p.m. at city hall.

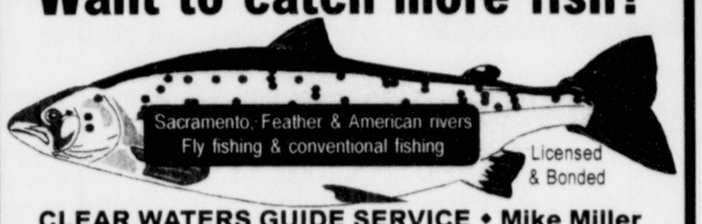
Agenda items will include:

Approval of a lot merger on Walnut Street; permits for River City Baseball to operate ten seasonal parking lots near Raley Field; a subdivision map and conditional use permit for Lindenwood on Linden Road; a subdivision map for The Rivers (formerly Lighthouse), involving re-subdivision of 29 single-family lots into 22 lots north of Lighthouse Drive; a planned development permit for Capitol Place at Sacramento Ave. and Douglas St. (a planned apartment complex).

The school board of the **Washington Unified School District** will schedule its next meeting for Wednesday evening, March 24, instead of its usual Thursday meeting date. The change is to allow board members to attend the annual "State of the City" dinner on March 25, a district spokesperson said.

Details and agenda items for the March 24 meeting were not available at press time.

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home. The Kings will be on the road in the next five weeks 10 times! The road trips will take them through playoff-bound cities like Los Angeles, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston. The home games will include Houston, Milwaukee, Washington, New Orleans, Minnesota and on April 11th the last home game will be against the Shaq and Kobe show and the Los Angeles Lakers!

The Kings will play against the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night. The big game will be on Friday night in Indiana (4:30 p.m.-ch.10). Kings next home game will be against Yao and the Houston Rockets on Sunday (4:30 p.m. -ch.10/ESPN).

NCAA Tournament

The 2004 Division I Men's basketball championship tips off on Thursday and ends with the final tip off in San Antonio, Texas on Monday, April 5th. This year the top seeds are Kentucky (26-4), Saint Joseph's (27-1), Stanford (29-1), and Duke (27-5). It's too early to pick a National Champion but I like Connecticut (27-6), who seeded No. 2 in Phoenix Region and Mississippi State (25-3). I think Kentucky will probably be the only No. 1 seed to reach the final four. I'll give you my picks for the final four when the tournament reaches the sweet sixteen next week.

NFL News

The NFL free agent action has been slow this week except for the continuing saga of Terrell Owens. On Tuesday morning an arbitrator in Philadelphia will make a decision on the fate of the ex-49er's future place of employment. The 49ers and Ravens are both trying to get come out of this mess with a couple top draft picks. Maybe Owens will play for the 76ers and Allen Iverson will join the 49ers! One thing for sure is that T.O. will not be in a Niners uniform next season. Stay tuned!

Boxing News

There was a big upset in Las Vegas last Saturday as overconfident Shane Mosley was out boxed by Ronald "Winky" Wright. Wright (47-3, 25 KO's) won a unanimous decision to unify the junior-middleweight title. Winky, who already owns the IBF title, not only took Mosley's (39-3, 35 KO's) WBC and WBA crown but also knock him out of his $10 million payday with the retired Felix Trinidad. This was a good case of spending the money before you have it!

On the local front, West Sacramento's Gilbert Martinez (18-6-1) will fight again in the battle of the heavyweights. The heavyweight only card on March 27th at Caesars Tahoe will also feature Michael Simms (12-1,1) of Sacramento.

West Sac's Juan Lazcano is still kicking around his options for the vacant WBC lightweight crown. Lazcano (33-2-1, 25 KO's), who is the No. 1 contender, is scheduled to fight the No. 2 rated Jose Luis Castillo (49-6-1. 45 KO's) of Mexico. Promoter Bob Arum is planning a huge pay-for-view card on Saturday, June 5th that will feature Oscar De La Hoya and Bernard Hopkins in separate 12 round bouts that will lead to a big fight between the Golden Boy and Hopkins later this year.

Local boxing promoter Don Chargin is setting up a rematch on May 28th at Feather Falls between Eric Regan (22-1) and Mexico's Pedro Ortega (30-12-1). Ortega stopped Regan in the ninth round last November in Sacramento.

See ya next week!

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and 100 breast stroke; Shaun Tapia was first in the 100 yard back stroke and second in the 200 freestyle; Michael Ramos was second in the 50 yard freestyle; and Patrick Stewart was second in the 100 freestyle. The team of Andrew and Anthony Blue, Stewart and Tapia won the 200 freestyle relay while the team of Westlake, Ramos, Rumsey and Davis won the 400 freestyle relay.

Thursday the Rio Linda Knights invaded Raider Country but were defeated by scores of 87 to 71 and 98 to 38.

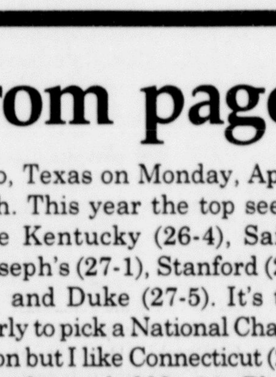
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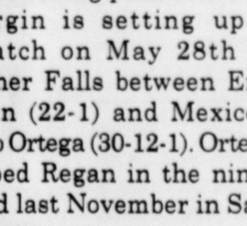
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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

High speed chase concerns

I would like to express my concern about the high speed chase on 3-10-04 at or around 10:15. West Sacramento police and a Highway Patrol officer gave chase to a man in his 20's. He had a fight with a woman (his wife or girlfriend) and then took their 17-month old son for a high speed chase. Did the police realize that there was a baby in the SUV? The Highway Patrol obviously did not, but the WSPD did!

Then why in God's name did they do that P.I.T. (pursuit intervention technique) maneuver knowing that the baby was in there? Did they stop to think that when the SUV flipped that the baby may not have been restrained in a car seat?

I think they could have let him go over spikes and then let him run until the tires fell off. That would have been safer for the man and the baby.

TONI MELLENBERGER
West Sacramento

Why do city leaders even ask?

We find the Park Boulevard questionnaire invasive and in poor taste. If we have learned anything it is that public opinion and input counts for nothing here. Over 50% of those poled said leave it alone. There are better things to do with the money. So you're going to do it anyhow. How about the loss of several hundred trees so you can put in a sewage pipeline through West Sacramento? You asked us about that, too. We said don't cut the trees down and please don't make a thoroughfare behind the homes. Put the pipeline elsewhere. If you're so fire dup about digging up Park Boulevard, why don't you put that pipe under there?

The last I heard you were giving $1,000 for the trees and land you are taking. Lets see now, you cut down the shade, the houses get hotter in the summer and if you're lucky the thousand bucks will pay the difference in the power bill for at least one summer. Lets not forget you have decided to make every back yard along there accessible to all who choose to walk that path. Then there is the scare tactics used to pass the $52 billion bond folly. For those of you who thought this was the last chance to get a new high school, you should have thought harder. A mega school across the street from a shopping center? Where do you think those kids will be?

Elk Grove is building a new high school using a $16 million bond. West Sac could have easily done the same and with better located property. Smaller campuses are better for learning and better for controlling students.

Now there is a 20-inch pipe to replace a 14-inch pipe. This is to carry more petroleum along the railroad tracks behind the homes on the south side of Stone Boulevard. You know back there where they are storing the tanker cars that are supposed to be empty. I always wanted to live on a powder keg. Guess I got my wish.

Do you care that every time you dig (new bridge included) you stir up the river rats? I don't see the city trying to control that problem.

So, to the mayor, city council and members of the school board I say, why the hell do you even bother to ask?

C. McDONNELL
West Sacramento

In support of Wal-Mart

With all of the other issues we need to address here in West Sacramento, amazingly, the city council tonight will discuss an ordinance that bans our ability to make up our minds about with whom and where we can do our shopping.

Specifically, they are considering a proposed measure to make it illegal for Wal-Mart to purchase the land on the Riverpoint site off Reed Avenue and 1-80.

As a past president of the chamber of commerce, I know first hand that the city council has spent eight years working with the landowners to attract retail stores to that site. The property is already zoned for retail and has the proper infrastructure for retail use.

Business and West Sacramento government officials alike understand that a major retail store at this location would create good jobs and boost sales tax revenue for the city.

More importantly, it would provide West Sacramento residents the opportunity to shop for goods in their own city instead of spending their retail dollars in Sacramento, Folsom, Woodland and Roseville.

Companies like Target, Mervyns' and Wal-Mart have been actively courted to come to this West Sacramento location since 1996.

Now, with more new residents in West Sacramento (38,000 plus), these major retailers are more interested in this property than ever. That's why Wal-Mart has made an offer to buy the property and build West Sacramento's first large retail store.

The benefits of a new retail store such as Wal-Mart are clear:

It would provide more consumer choice for West Sacramento residents.

Consumers could enjoy one-stop shopping at a facility that carries various retail items as well as groceries in the same store at competitive prices, a luxury, except groceries, we currently do not have in our city.

It would bring in consumers from other areas, such as Davis and Natomas to spend their retail dollars in our city, generating additional revenue for city priorities like road repairs and police and fire services.

It would create between 400 and 500 good quality job opportunities with benefits for West Sacramento residents, helping to reduce unemployment and public assistance.

The city and the Washington Unified School District could partner with Wal-Mart to create a retail and business management training academy curriculum for students interested in retail as a career.

Ultimately, more West Sacramento residents working and spending money in the city confines is good for all West Sacramento businesses.

But beyond all of this is the matter of choice. Government cannot and should not tell a property owner who they can and cannot sell to and government should not take away our rights as consumers to choose where we can and cannot shop.

It is because of fairness and choice that voters in Contra Costa County earlier this month overwhelmingly overturned a measure that local politicians had enacted to ban Wal-Mart from their jurisdiction. Other cities have faces lawsuits for unfairly discriminating against one store.

We do not need to waste our city funds on lawyers and our community does not need any more costly and divisive ballot measures.

It has always been the dream of the city and business leaders to bring retail to West Sacramento. We are asking the city council not to destroy that dream. For once in this city's history its city council has an opportunity to do the right thing and bring large retail to its citizenry with a strategy to encourage and convince other large retailers we want their business.

The city's own staff has questioned the city council's consideration of this type of measure since it has previously approved policies to encourage, not ban, large retail development on this site.

The staff report is right on the money when it states the proposal under consideration could result in "slowing the development of Riverpoint, affecting the city's business-friendly reputation..." The city also runs the risk of alienating other potential retail, large or small, opportunities in other areas of West Sacramento by being myopic in its decision making, disregarding its own development strategies and the wants and needs of its citizenry.

Let's hope the city council will let the people -- not politics and special interests -- decide with whom and where we want to shop.

LEN STRICKLAND
West Sacramento

Superstore guidelines

The City of West Sacramento is currently under contract with Angelou Economics for the creation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The program involves a cross-section of the community including residents, businesses, and governmental agencies. The process is expected to be completed within the next fourteen weeks. The initial meetings and surveys have already taken place and hundreds of hours of work have gone into the process, which involves community meetings, focus group meetings, on-line and in-person surveys, then tabulation of the results and consideration, development, presentation and implementation of the plan.

If it is a good idea to consider the establishment of guidelines for superstores at this time, it will still be a good idea four months from now. Similarly, if it is a good idea for a superstore to consider locating in West Sacramento now, that will still be a good idea four months from now.

The discussion of the impact of superstores is appropriate at any time, but serious consideration of guidelines should be postponed until after the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is in place, and should be considered in light of the report which results from that study.

MICAHEL GORMAN
West Sacramento

Stop the Wal-Mart bashing

I am sure getting tired of all the Wal-Mart bashing. The United States was founded on the free enterprise system. Big stores have shoved little stores out of business for many years.

If Wal-Mart is not to sell non-taxable items I would suggest that the grocery store chains only sell non-taxable items. I do not want to visit the local grocery chain and see them sell-

Please see LETTERS, p. 11

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 10 2004
File No. 2004-259

The following person is doing business as Affordable Window and Glass, 2804 Pitzer Cir., West Sac., CA 95691:

Donnie Dishman, same address:

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/10/04.

/s/Donnie Dishman

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Mar 10 2004
by: /s/Matt Lugo, Deputy Clerk
Mar 17 24 31 Apr 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 1, 2004
File No. 04-227

The following person is doing business as SKN Drafting Service, 127 Palm Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Steven Kurt Neiswonger, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/29/04.

/s/Steven K. Neiswonger

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Date: Mar 1, 2004
by: /s/Matt Lugo, Deputy Clerk
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE STATE OF YOLO
In the Matters of NOAH DONALD RHINEHART, SUMMER LYN RHINEHART, CHRISTIAN RHINEHART
NO: JV-02-00167, JV-02-00168, JV-02-00169
Minors
CITATION

TO: GEORGE RHINEHART: YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on MAY 19, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor children, Noah Donald Rhinehart born on 2/28/1996, Summer Lyn Rhinehart born on 5/10/1997, and Christian Rhinehart born on 4/28/1999 to Debbie L. Burgdorf. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 2/20/2004
/s/Donna M. Petre
Judge of the Juvenile Court
Mar 17 24 31 Apr 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 19 2004
File No. 2004-180

The following person is doing business as TRAVELMT, 2709 Prado Lane, Davis CA 95616:

Manmohan Skapoor, same address:

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Manmohan Skapoor

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 19 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
Mar 10 17 24 31

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 27, 2004
File No. 2004-225

The following person is doing business as Duong's Asian Market, 2949 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Tommy Duong, 540 Hawkcrest Cir., Sacramento CA 95835.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/Tommy Duong

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Date: Feb 27, 2004
by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk
Mar 3 10 17 24

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 20 2004
File No. 2004-186

The following person is doing business as Appraisals Now, 2805 Almond St.:

Brian Kelly Rasmussen, West Sac CA 95691:

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/20/04.

/s/Brian Kelly Rasmussen

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Date: Feb 20 2004
by: /s/Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk
Mar 3 10 17 24

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Feb 2, 2004
File No. 04-119

The following person is doing business as Marvin's Quality Auto Care, 1512 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Marvin D. Walker, 3725 Solomon Island Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691; Petrice L. Taplin-Walker, same address.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/1/04.

/s/Marvin D. Walker
/s/Petrice L. Taplin-Walker

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 2, 2004
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk
Mar 3 10 17 24

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan. 26, 2004
File No. 2004-218

The following person is doing business as Signori Designs, 38385 Larue Way, Davis CA 95616:

Dorian Signori Balsdon and Howard H. Balsdon, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/1/04.

/s/Dorian Signori Balsdon
/s/Howard H. Balsdon

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Feb 26, 2004
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
March 10 17 24 31

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES

The City of West Sacramento is requesting proposals for uniform rental services for employees in several departments. Service is expected to be for 36 months and to begin July 1, 2004. To request a copy of the Scope of Work, please call (916) 617-4850. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 26, 2004, at the Department of Public Works, 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691, attention Greg Fabun.

Mar 10 17

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Jan 22 2004
File No. 2004-081

The following person is doing business as DreamHalo.com at 1413 H St #4, Davis CA 95616:

Seow-Kar Siew, same address.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/14/03.

/s/Seow-Kar Siew

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Jan 22 2004
by: /s/Freddie Oakley, Deputy Clerk
Feb 25 Mar 3 10 17

NOTICE TO CREDTIORS OF BULK SALE
(UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No.: 8074D

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) of the seller(s) are: CHAN F. SAELEE AND CHENG F. LEE, 2949 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691.

Doing Business as: Fongs Asian Market (Type – Asian Market)

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), are:

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is: TOMMY DUONG, 2949 West Capitol Ave. West Sacramento CA 95691.

The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL

And are located at: 2949 West Capitol Ave. West Sacramento CA 95691.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: Capitol City Escrow, Inc. – 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821 and the anticipated sale date is April 2, 2004.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: Capitol City Escrow, Inc., 3838 Watt Avenue, Suite F-610, Sacramento, CA 95821.

THIS BULK TRANSFER INCLUDES A LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE IS RECEIVED BY ESCROW AGENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL.

Dated: March 5, 2004.
Buyer(s):
/s/Tommy Duong
cns649687 Mar 17

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Four things come not back: the spoken word, the spent arrow, the past, the neglected opportunity.
—Omar Idn Al-Halif

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To know that you do not know is the best. To pretend to know when you do not know is disease.
—Lao Tzu

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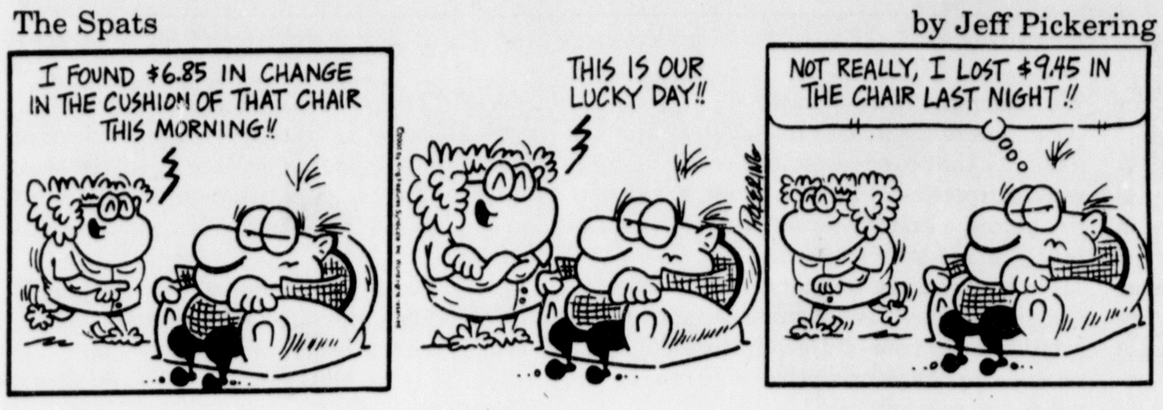
I never meet anyone nowadays who admits to having had a happy childhood. Everyone appears to think happiness betokens a lack of sensitivity.
—Jessamyn West

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PUZZLES & COMICS

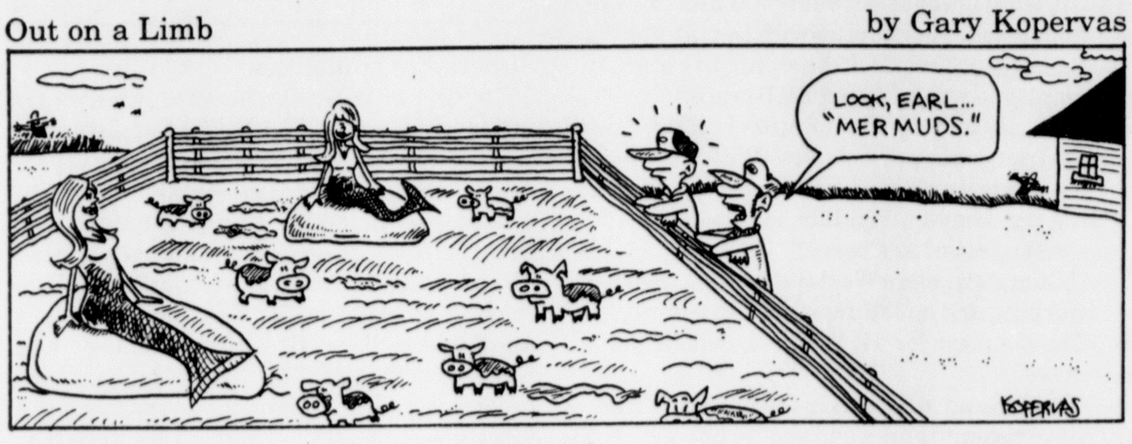
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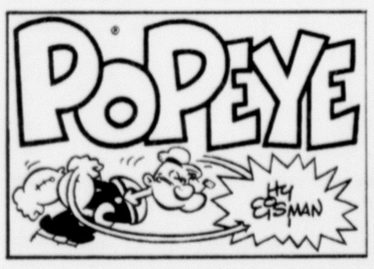
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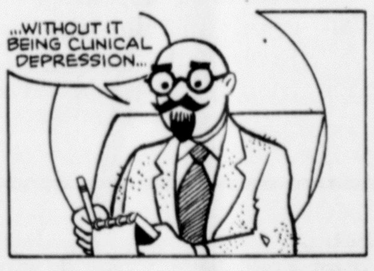
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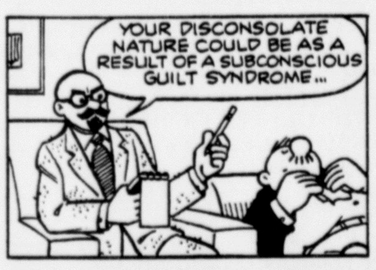
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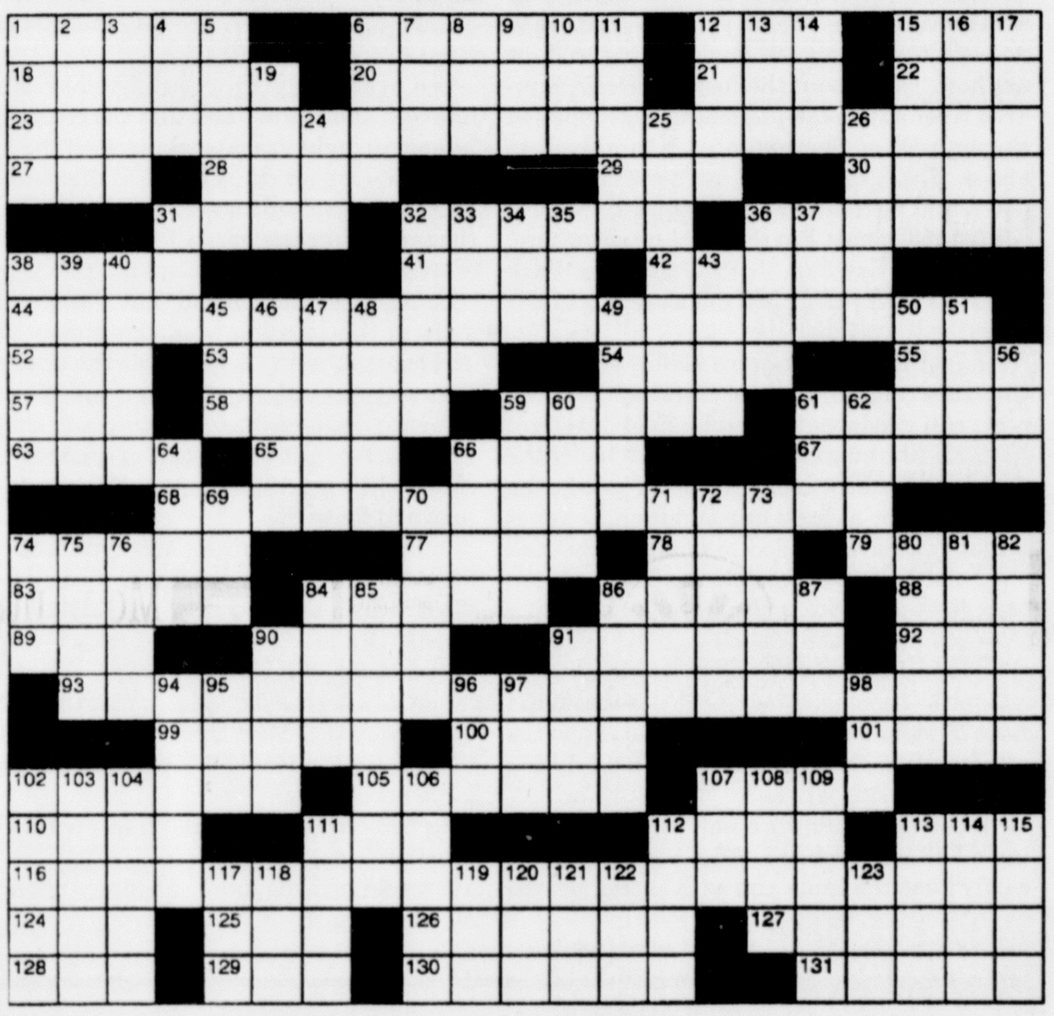


Super Crossword

IN LINE

ACROSS
1 School tool
6 Sahara vision
12 Crestfallen
15 Pigskin prop
18 "Carmen" and "The Consul"
20 Genesis peak
21 In-your-face item?
22 Director Ashby
23 SIDE LINE
27 Extremity
28 Nurse's helper
29 East ender?
30 Sly trick
31 Composer Thomas
32 Rocky's rival
36 Author Antonia
38 Mingo's portrayer
41 Fiddling emperor
42 Turn of phrase
44 SKY LINE
52 Nonclerical
53 New Jersey athletes
54 Scuba site
55 TV's "— Fly Away"
57 Mischief-maker
58 Rhone feeder
59 Has on
61 Singer Khan
63 Naldi or Talbot
65 Sty guy
66 Mardi —
67 Went white
68 HAIR LINE
74 Breakfast fruit
77 Jeroboam contents
78 Color
79 Criticize
83 Speak one's mind
84 Accent feature
86 Singer Vaughan
88 Mrs. McKinley
89 "Lorenzo's —" ('92 film)
90 Dividend
91 41 Across' tutor
92 Be a pest
93 LIFE LINE
99 Took on board
100 "— No Sunshine" ('71 hit)
101 Content completely
102 Aptitude
105 "— and Misdemeanors" ('89 film)
107 Act like a chicken
110 Belligerent deity
111 Reminder
112 Shade of green
113 Year, in Yucatan
116 BLOOD LINE
124 Actor Chaney
125 Past
126 Expects the worst
127 Maris or Mantle
128 She's a sheep date
129 — down (destroy)
130 Petrarch product
131 Kingdom

DOWN
1 Dressing gown
2 "Once — a midnight dreary . . ."
3 Balloon material?
4 Be human
5 Tracking tool
6 Medieval weapon
7 Bother
8 Math abbr.
9 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
10 Boyle's concern
11 Lucy's landlady
12 Made cotton candy
13 Broadcast
14 Thieves' headquarters?
15 Anatole France novel
16 Combs of baseball
17 Glue guy
19 Pelt
24 Chemical suffix
25 Poultry purchase
26 Wise guy
31 — blond
32 Leg joint
33 Pride of the pumped-up
34 "— pro nobis"
35 Prune
36 Vassal's holding
37 Linear measure
38 "— a day's work"
39 Biscayne Bay city
40 "Aida" setting
43 Club cost
45 QB's stats
46 Bounded
47 Shun
48 Beatles beater
49 Cocky
50 Medicine bottle
51 Actress Sommer
56 Youngster
59 Squeezed out the suds
60 Vacation sensation
61 Numbers man?
62 Kansas city
64 Soon
66 Show one's teeth
69 Vane letters
70 Serengeti sahib
71 Cut of meat
72 Blender setting
73 Show one's feelings
74 Bovine bellow
75 "The Ramayana," e.g.
76 Coloratura Pons
80 Neighbor of Niger
81 Man or stallion
82 Patrick of "A Clockwork Orange"
84 Shake-spearean infinitive
85 Kind of print
86 Factions
87 Owns
90 Leonine Lahr
91 Reasonably balanced
94 See 109 Down
95 China's — Biao
96 Skater Babilonia
97 Amis' "Lucky —"
98 Sound of disapproval
102 Under the — (secretly)
103 Cupid's missile
104 Sierra —
106 Philharmonic section
107 Bleak critique
108 Whirlpool
109 With 94 Down, fragrant container
111 Cornfield critter
112 Only
113 "Puppy Love" singer
114 Gallagher of Oasis
115 Utah city
117 Actor's lunch?
118 Self-esteem
119 Theater sign
120 Word with take or hang
121 Solo of "Star Wars"
122 Coleridge composition
123 "— Good Cop" ('91 film)

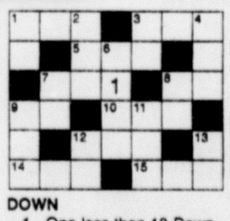


Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Six more than 9-Across
3. Four times 1-Across
5. Digits of 15-Across reversed
7. Digits of 1-Across reversed
8. Digits of 1-Down reversed
9. One-third of 4-Down
10. Digits of 14-Across reversed
12. Digits of 3-Across reversed
14. Five less than 5-Across
15. 8-Across times 13-Down

DOWN
1. One less than 13-Down
2. 9-Down minus 15-Across
3. Five more than 8-Across
4. Ten less than 7-Across
6. Same digit repeated
7. Eight less than 8-Down
8. Consecutive digits in ascending order
9. 6-Down minus 11-Down
11. One hundred more than 3-Down
12. Consecutive digits in descending order
13. One-third of 8-Down

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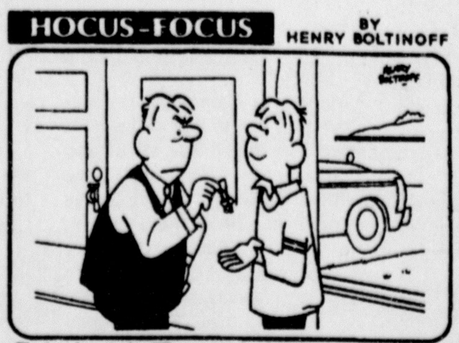
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C	A	Y	O	C	T	S	O	C	O	X	V	U	B	S
Q	P	C	S	H	R	D	N	Z	R	M	K	J	R	H
F	E	I	O	Y	A	B	E	C	A	B	Z	Y	A	X
V	C	U	F	T	X	Y	R	L	C	M	Q	P	T	O
T	I	U	T	N	I	M	S	E	L	P	A	T	S	L
K	I	H	E	L	P	P	A	L	E	T	X	E	N	G

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Amazon.com	Costco	Intuit	Pixar
Apple	Dell	Microsoft	Staples
Cisco	eBay	Nextel	Yahoo
Comcast	Intel	Oracle	

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"The Passion of the Christ"

Running Time: 125 minutes
MPAA rating: R

"The Passion of the Christ" is a profoundly personal film. It is Mel Gibson's testament, his vision of the message of Christ. And it is unlike any biblical film ever made.

"The Passion of the Christ" is a compelling, brutal, bloody and graphic account of the final 12 hours of Christ's life on earth. The final hour of the film is a relentless visual litany of torture and degradation. It isn't for the squeamish, nor for children and young teens.

The film opens with Jesus (James Caviezel) in the Garden of Gethsemane. The garden is shrouded in fog, and Christ is tormented by Satan, presented here as an androgynous and snakelike creature. We see a tormented Judas running from demon children. There are shots of a maggot-infested donkey rotting in the desert and a bird gouging out eyes. Roman soldiers appear and Christ is given a royal beating.

The film then essentially follows the biblical chronology of Christ being shuffled back and forth between Ciaphas, Pilate and Herod — with plenty of lingering, brutal scenes of beatings and scourging with whips that turn Christ's back into hamburger.

There are flashbacks to The Last Supper, The Sermon on the Mount and Christ's entry into Jerusalem to give the audience some time to breathe, but those moments are fleeting. Once the smackdown begins, it doesn't let up. There were times during the film where I wanted to scream "Enough! I GET IT!" That's when I realized that Gibson had made a great film.

"The Passion of the Christ" is a cathartic experience. You will leave



James Caviezel is Jesus

the theater drained. You will also understand Gibson's view of Christ's message: No matter how hard your life may seem, it doesn't compare to the suffering and pain inflicted upon Jesus. The good news is, Christ can take that pain away, and just as we see in the final shot, we can be resurrected, made whole again and move beyond the pain and suffering of the world.

It is a profound message, one that goes beyond parables and recent images of a kind of hippie, Buddy Christ who just wants to be your pal. Although peace and love are beautiful sentiments, the central theme of Christianity is salvation. And salvation came at the summit of Golgotha, not on the Mount.

At least, that's what Mel says.

GRADE: A

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CELEBRITY extra
by Evelyn Green

Q. I recently read that William Petersen may leave his role as Gil Grissom on "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" because of differences in renegotiating his salary demands before he signs a new contract. Has he actually discussed this in public, and if so, what is the problem? I'd hate to see him go. I think he's the heart of that show. — *Anne W.*

A. Apparently, William Petersen told a writer for Playboy magazine that he might leave the show after one more season — and not necessarily because of a compensation disagreement with the series. However, according to CBS, Petersen may be blocked from taking his leave at that time because he's under a contractual obligation to stay with the show through the 2006-2007 season.

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Q. I know that Debbie Reynolds and Joely Fisher (Lifetime's "Wild Card") are related, but I'm not sure how. Thanks for any information. — *Michael L.*

A. Joely and Debbie are not, per se, kin. But they have relatives in common, thanks to the fact that both Joely's mother, Connie Stevens, and Debbie Reynolds were formerly married to Joely's father, Eddie Fisher. That makes Joely and her sister, Tricia Leigh, half siblings to Debbie's two offspring, Carrie and Todd Fisher.

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Q. I started watching "Friends" about three years ago, and I never found out why the character of Ross (David Schwimmer) was divorced from his first wife, the mother of his son. Can you please fill in this "Friends" trivia gap. — *Maureen L.*

A. Sure can. Ross's first wife left him after announcing that she'd fallen in love with someone else — another woman.

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Q. Is it absolutely certain that Britney Spears will be the next "Bond Girl"? Your recent



William Petersen

answer to a reader seemed to indicate it was. Can you please say if this is so, or did I misread what you wrote? — *Matty L.*

A. I believe I said that there was a publicity release about Spears meeting the major producer of the James Bond franchise when she was in London shortly after her brief marriage was annulled. More recently, Pierce Brosnan — the current screen Bond — noted that Charlize Theron, Oscar winner for "Monster," would be a welcome addition to the long line of lovely ladies who played Bond Girls over the years. But he also reportedly said "good for her" when told that Spears was also supposed to be in the running.

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Q. Whatever happened to the million-dollar ring Ben Affleck gave to Jennifer Lopez when they broke up? I read that he refused to take it back. — *Paula T.*

A. Last I heard, the ring was returned by Lopez to Affleck. Some sources say he still has it. Whether that means he's hoping the two will reconcile, or whether he's waiting for a better market in which to resell the huge rock depends on whom you speak with.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

POTATO DISHES WILL PLEASE PICKIEST PALATE



If you're pressed for time, look to the vast range of convenience food products that make meal preparation easier and quicker. And don't feel guilty when you reach for that package of instant mashed potatoes or frozen hash browns, because you can turn them into dishes that will please the pickiest palate. Evidence? See the recipes that follow.

SHRIMP-STUFFED POTATO PATTIES

- *2 cups prepared instant mashed Idaho potatoes following package directions for 4 servings*
- *1/4 cup chopped fresh chives*
- *1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper*
- *3/4 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs) or plain bread crumbs*
- *8 medium sized cooked shrimp, peeled and chopped (thawed, if frozen)*
- *1/2 cup reduced-fat, reduced-sodium Swiss cheese, diced*
- *2 teaspoons vegetable oil*

In medium mixing bowl, combine cooked mashed potatoes, chives and black pepper, stirring to mix well; set aside. Place panko in shallow bowl; set aside.

In small mixing bowl, toss together shrimp and Swiss cheese. On sheet of plastic wrap or wax paper, divide shrimp-cheese mixture into 4 equal portions.

With clean hand, form potato mixture into patties. Press one portion of filling mix into center of each patty, shaping potato patty to enclose filling. Flatten patties slightly, being careful not to disturb filling. Place patties, one at a time, into bread-crumbs. With spatula, gently flip patty to coat both sides with crumbs. Place all patties on a plate, cover and refrigerate until ready to cook.

Warm oil in large, heavy skillet over medium heat. Cook patties about 4 minutes on each side, until golden brown and cooked through. Serve immediately.

SOUTHWEST HOME FRIES WITH FRESH FRUIT SALSA

- *3 cups Southern Style frozen Idaho potato hash browns, thawed*
- *Cooking spray*
- *4 eggs OR 6 egg whites, slightly beaten*
- *1/3 cup chopped red bell pepper**
- *1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper**
- *1/3 cup chopped yellow bell pepper**
- *1/2 cup chopped onion*
- *Fresh Fruit Salsa***

*If desired, use 1 cup of one color pepper.

Drain thawed potatoes on paper-towel-lined cookie sheet; set aside. Coat a large non-stick skillet with plenty of cooking spray and warm over medium heat until hot. Cook eggs without stirring but lifting edges to allow uncooked egg to flow underneath (as you would an omelet). Cook 1 to 2 minutes. Do not overcook. Flip skillet over clean cutting board, releasing cooked eggs. Cool slightly and cut eggs into thin strips about 1/4 inch wide by 3 inches long; set aside.

Spray skillet again. Cook potatoes over medium heat until golden, 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. With a spatula, push potatoes to one side. Add onions to cleared portion of pan; Cook about 3 minutes. Push onions to side with potatoes. Add peppers to cleared area; cook 2 minutes, then stir peppers, onions and potatoes together. Add egg strips and cook briefly to reheat. Serve at once with Fresh Fruit Salsa (recipe follows). Makes 6 servings.

**Fresh Fruit Salsa: Peel, core and chop 1 each of three of your favorite fruits such as apple, mango, kiwi, etc. Place in a small bowl; add 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion and 1/2 cup chopped cilantro or 1/4 cup chopped Italian (flat-leaf) parsley. Gently mix and serve with Southwest Home Fries.

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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **March 22, 1908,** Louis L'Amour, the prolific author of scores of bestselling Western novels, is born in Jamestown, N.D. His big break came when a novel he wrote at the age of 46 became the basis for the popular John Wayne movie "Hondo."

• On **March 26, 1937,** Crystal City, Texas, unveils America's first monument to a comic strip hero. The 6-foot-tall, brightly colored concrete statue of Popeye was unveiled in Popeye Park during the city's second annual Spinach Festival.

• On **March 28, 1939,** in Spain, the Republican defenders of Madrid raise the white flag over the city, bringing to an end the bloody three-year Spanish Civil War. Up to a million lives were lost in the conflict, the most devastating in Spanish history.

• On **March 27, 1952,** "Singin' in the Rain," considered by many to be the greatest Hollywood musical ever made, premieres at New York's Radio City Music Hall. The movie starred Gene Kelly, who also served as co-director and co-choreographer.

• On **March 25, 1957,** France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg sign a treaty in Rome establishing the European Economic Community, also known as the Common Market. The EEC was a major step in Europe's movement toward economic and political union.

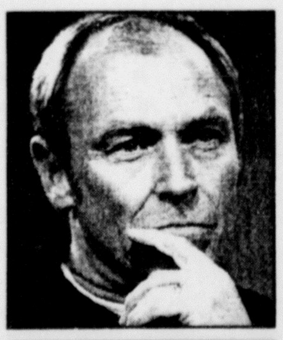
• On **March 23, 1983,** Barney Clark dies 112 days after becoming the world's first recipient of a permanent artificial heart. The 61-year-old dentist spent the last four months of his life in a hospital bed at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

• On **March 24, 1996,** U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid transfers to the Russian space station Mir from the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis for a planned five-month stay. Lucid was the first female U.S. astronaut to live in a space station, and she set a new space endurance record.

TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With Corbin Bernsen

On Monday, March 29, the USA Network premieres "Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss," the story of a young woman who established one of Hollywood's most exclusive (and expensive!) call girl operations in recent years. It was said her "little black book" of clientele contained the names of many of the rich, famous and powerful men in the United States and elsewhere. Fleiss, who was dubbed the Hollywood Madam, was eventually arrested on charges of attempted pandering (a state offense) and federal charges of tax evasion, conspiracy and money laundering. After serving her time, she re-entered "polite society," only to find herself the victim of domestic abuse at the hands of her boyfriend, actor Tom Sizemore ("Black Hawk Down"). The USA film stars Jamie Lynn DiScala ("The Sopranos") as Fleiss; award-winning Irish actor Brenda Fricker ("My Left Foot," "Veronica Guerin") as Heidi's mentor, Madame Alex; Saul Rubinek ("The Contender") as Heidi's father, Dr. Paul Fleiss; and Corbin Bernsen ("L.A. Law") as a Hollywood producer who is one of her clients.



"Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss"
USA Network
Monday, March 29

Corbin Bernsen says his character in "Call Me: The Rise and Fall of Heidi Fleiss" is a composite of several Hollywood producers who were among Heidi's clientele of filmdom's elite.

Bernsen laughed when asked if he knew any of the real-life men who went into making up his character.

"I've heard some of the names of people who were supposed to have done business with her," he said. "But nothing that actually links them with her. And, as you may know, Heidi Fleiss never revealed the identity of any of her clients, so unless someone comes out and says he was one of them, we just won't know whose names were in that famous, or should I say infamous, little black book she supposedly carried around with her."

Bernsen says from what he learned about the real-life Heidi Fleiss, "She was not only beautiful, but highly intelligent and probably would have succeeded at anything she wanted to do. But I'm sure as the daughter of a well-known Beverly Hills doctor, no one would have expected her to become a successful operator of a call girl ring."

Prostitution has been in and out of favor over the millennia: It was, and in some places still is, a crime punishable by death. It's also been a respected institution in some cultures. Among the ancient Greeks, for example, prostitutes might sit with the leaders of the city and discuss politics, while their own wives could not.

"There's always been an ambivalent attitude toward prostitution," Bernsen said. "And you see it in the film. The women who work for Heidi don't think of themselves as prostitutes: They're escorts, companions, dates. And Heidi treats them with respect and concern."

Meanwhile, Bernsen points out that just a few miles from Fleiss' high-priced digs, women on the streets of Hollywood Boulevard are treated quite differently and often judged differently by society from Heidi's girls, although they're earning their living the same way.

Corbin Bernsen, who has a master's degree in screenwriting, says he plans to do more work behind the scene. "I love acting," he says. "But I also enjoy writing and producing. I have a new project I've been developing, and it's almost ready to launch."

In Focus

Catherine Bell, who plays Lt. Col. Sarah (Mac) Mackenzie on CBS' long-running series "JAG," says she's pleased that much of her fan mail comes from civilian viewers — both grown women and young girls — and also from men and women in the military. "Especially the Marines," Bell notes. "They always want things as close to accurate as possible, and they



Catherine Bell

watch us very carefully, and the fact that they approve of how Lt. Col. Mackenzie does her job is a great tribute to all of us who work on the show."

Bell says among her civilian fans, "The women will say that they feel I've been able to prove that women can do anything, including serving in the Marine Corps, without losing our femininity. And the young girls say they feel inspired to follow Mac's example of being smart — she is, after all, a lawyer — and also brave. She's been in some difficult spots over the years, and always did her job the way a Marine would be expected to do."

In a number of episodes, we've seen Mac wear traditional Muslim dress while in Saudi Arabia, and at another time speak Farsi, the language of Iran. How could Mac — a longtime supporter of women's rights — have agreed to wear the dress and veil, and how did Bell learn to speak her Farsi lines, apparently like an Iranian native?

"The answer to the first question is that Mac agreed to respect the customs of the country in which she was a guest. That's what all our military personnel — men and women both — are obliged to do. As for your second question, I learned Farsi as a child: My father was British and my mother Iranian."

Finally, will Mac and Harm (Cmdr. Harmon Rabb Jr., played by **David James Elliott**) marry?

Catherine Bell chuckles. "Everyone asks that," she says. "And all I can say is, I don't know. That's up to the people who make all the decisions for the show."

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Comfort foods
Made fast and healthy
by JoAnna M. Lund

Meatless Main Dish

This very filling main dish is ideal for Lent — but it's also perfect any other time of the year! This is truly a show-stopping dish, and even folks not fond of spinach will enjoy it.

CHEESE & SPINACH STRATA

- *1 1/2 cups shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese*
- *1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and very well drained*
- *1/2 cup chopped onion*
- *8 slices reduced-calorie white bread, cut into small cubes*
- *2 cups fat-free milk*
- *2 tablespoons no-fat sour cream*
- *2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute*
- *2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard*
- *1 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine 1 cup Cheddar cheese, spinach and onion. Layer half of bread cubes and half of spinach mixture in prepared baking dish. Repeat layers. In a large bowl, combine milk and sour cream. Stir in eggs, mustard and lemon pepper. Pour mixture evenly over spinach mixture. Evenly sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese over top. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Makes 6 servings. Freezes well.

• Each serving equals: 215 calories, 7 g fat, 17 g protein, 21 g carb., 583 mg sodium, 4 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Meat, 1 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call her at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 1918.

"SOLIDITE" METHOD OF PAVEMENT IS BEING USED ON COUNTY ROADS THROUGH WEST SACRAMENTO

SPLENDID REPORTS ON THIS METHOD OF PAVEMENT HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY COUNTIES WHERE IT HAS BEEN USED

Under the direction of Supervisor Leinberger, the Brush-Howard Co. is remodeling the roadway in West Sacramento extending from the end of the M-street bridge to a point three miles south and passing West Sacramento headquarters.

Under an agreement made by the West Sacramento Co. and Supervisor Leinberger one-third of the cost of this roadway is borne by the West Sacramento Co., the county paying the other two-thirds.

This road will be thoroughly appreciated by the residents of the district and especially by the contractors who are now engaged building two great rice mills on the levee in West Sacramento.

Farmers scattered throughout the district and travelers from points west of the Yolo causeway will thoroughly appreciate this road. Formerly a macadam roadway had been built there but after constant service for several years and without repairs, it deteriorated until of late it became a menace to tires and hoofs.

After considerable investigation, Supervisor Leinberger decided to lay a "Solidite" pavement, first because of its low cost and second because of its lasting qualities and cheapness.

This class of pavement has been laid extensively in Santa Rosa and throughout Sonoma, Butte, Glenn and Monterey counties.

Other counties scattered throughout the State have tried it and are now clamoring for more.

"Solidite" provides for regrading and rebuilding the old road, utilizing the material already placed and covering it with asphalt and rock to a depth of one and a half inches in thickness.

First, the road is scarified with the aid of powerful tractors. It is then rolled and graded and where necessary new material is added while none of the old material is thrown aside or left unused.

Roads built in this method and properly graded are water-proof and skid-proof. Even in winter horses find firm footing on its hard surface. During summer the road is absolutely free from dust.

Work was started last Monday by the Brush-Howard Company on the road above mentioned. This corporation makes a specialty of repairing such roads as have been once improved and left to take care of themselves for years.

More than 900 miles of this class of work has been done by the Brush-Howard Company.

A sample of this road built by the Brush-Howard Company may be seen at Ben Ali where over two miles was regraded and is now practically as good a roadway as the State highway extending from Sacramento to Roseville.

A guarantee is always given by this company that the work it completed will remain for several years fully intact with any reasonable amount of care.

BEAN PLANT AND WAREHOUSE IS BEING DOUBLED

Many teams and men are busy on the enlargement of the Sacramento Valley Dock and Warehouse in West Sacramento.

This plant is about to be doubled, a duplicate of the old plant being built to accommodate the great crop of beans now about to be harvested.

This improvement was promised last year when it was noted that the plant was, even at that time, incapable of handling the business offered.

The cost of the contemplated improvement is about $100,000.

The new building will be located west of the tracks that feed the warehouse. There will be immediate connection with the river and with the two transcontinental roads, the S. P. and the W. P.

Immense concrete foundations are now being shaped to support the plant and great excavations are being made on the sand levee to support the structure.

The Terminal Warehouse Co., lessees of the plant, expect to have it in readiness for fall business.

FAREWELL PARTY IS TENDERED TO HOWARD WHITE

On the eve of his departure for Camp Kearny for training, Howard White was tendered a farewell party last Wednesday evening at the Klefman home by his young friends in Washington.

Howard has been a favorite and many young friends regret to see him leave, but he is determined to do his bit for Democracy.

He left today, September 6th.

The Klefman home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those invited.

Refreshments were served after games, dancing and singing in which Howard joined with great gusto.

Those present were:

Helen Buckingham, Pearl Moser, Clara Stockton, Alice Flatbush, Ivey Klefman, Beatrice Williams, Sally Russell, Gene Lowes, E. Weiger, J. Peck, Ted Porter, Earl Pankost, Roy Pankost, Ed Brown, Clif Stewart, Marshall Stockton, Howard White.

RED CROSS OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR COMING TERM

Last Wednesday evening at a largely attended meeting of the Washington Red Cross officers for the coming term were nominated to be elected at a later meeting.

Mrs. F. Moser was named for President; Mrs. S. T. Rickard, Vice-President; Mrs. Belle Parkinson, Financial Secretary, and Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Treasurer.

Another lot of knitting has been assigned to the Washington Chapter and a request for all knitting now on hand is made so that the boys at the front may not suffer during the coming winter.

THANKS FROM MARE ISLAND BOYS

Mrs. Fred Moser is in receipt of a communication from the young men of Mare Island who attended the funeral of Almer Norton for the splendid treatment they received from the ladies of Washington on that sad occasion.

They wish to express their thanks for the courtesy shown them at that time and hope that when they return it will not be on such a sad mission.

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 16TH

Although all the public schools in Yolo County opened for the fall term last Tuesday, the trustees of the Washington District decided that the term would not start till Monday, September 16th.

This was done to give the children an opportunity to work on the farms especially during hop picking season and grape picking time.

The faculty for the coming term is composed of A. L. Case, Principal; Miss Veda White, Miss Julia McWilliams, Miss Wilda Duncan, Miss Mary B. Duff.

man found near the Yolo Causeway about ten days ago have been interred in the Woodland Cemetery. No relatives of the deceased were found.

Miss Ethel Cook and her brother Floyd are at home after a visit of several days with friends in Napa.

Miss Edna Martin is home from San Francisco after spending two weeks vacation near the sea shore.

Owing to the great attractions at he State Fair there was no meeting of the Washington Improvement Club last Tuesday evening. The next meeting of the club will be held on September 17th.

STATE HIGHWAY WILL BE COMPLETED SOON

The improvement started by the State Highway Commissioners to connect the concrete road in West Sacramento with the S. P. bridge is nearing completion.

That part already done is a great pleasure to motorists and that which is not finished is showing near completion.

There is no lack of good side streets that may be used temporarily but many State Fair visitors experienced some difficulty in finding the S. P. bridge.

The improvement made is not of the permanent character usually placed by the Highway Commission.

It is a big improvement, however, on the former roadway.

The cost is to be borne equally by the Supervisor District and the Commission.

RICE HARVEST WILL START SEPTEMBER 20TH

Interested with his brother, D. McGregor, in a large and splendid crop of rice, Peter is making preparation for the harvest which will start on September 20th.

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BOB DORTON
West Sacramento

Republicans needed

Involvement, what does it take to motivate people to become involved? In the past few months, we, the West Sacramento Republican Party, have attempted to answer this by holding meetings, parties, walking precincts, handing out flyers, attempting to register new voters, etc., yet we still have little or no participation in our events. Why? I can look at the voter registration for the area, so I know there are many Republicans residing in our area. I have talked with many of you at different functions throughout the area and we speak the same language with the same concerns about our city, county, and country.

There are times when we must consider our community and the political arena it generates, rather than apathy! We understand bias in the media exists and want to provide you with the opportunity to hear first hand what our candidates have to say. Wouldn't it be refreshing to have information on whether the individual is actually qualified for the position and what his voting record has been in past offices he has held? In fact, the West Sacramento Republicans were the only political group to offer a Supervisory District 1 candidates forum and debate in the last election.

Republican values need to be pursued, not only at the national level, but here locally. Just look at the school board and the city council races. These positions decide how millions of our tax dollars will be spent. In the past we have entrusted people with this authority and they have failed us and our children. At this time our schools are some of the worst in the state. We have to change this by placing people on our school board who know what they are doing!

Another area we must look at closely is the implementation of the new position of full time mayor, which will be decided in November. In my opinion, this is the most wasteful action of any that our illustrious city fathers have talked us into since we became a city. However, it has passed in the primary election so we must look carefully at the person running and the office. Are we going to allow this office to grow into an empire? How much of our tax money will go to place a new mayor's office in City Hall and oh, don't forget about his secretary and how much more staff he will "need". To me these are items which should have been considered before the election.

It is obvious that there are councilmen who are attempting to better their status in the political arena by using the offices of our city as a stepping-stone. Do we want to allow this to occur or are we going to stand up and tell them we want our local politicians to remain local?

We can no longer sit at home and let others give direction to our city government, while we follow. Get out with your friends and change that direction. We must take the action necessary to place those into office who can give leadership to our city and will give voice to its citizens.

Now is the time for all Republicans to join together. We need to talk to our neighbors and friends. Come and join the West Sacramento Republicans and help us make a change in our community and in our country. November will be here before we realize and we need to be ready. Our meetings are on the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Turner Library on Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

LARRY J. ALLEN
West Sacramento

We need healthier eateries

Last week the House okayed a ban on obesity lawsuits (against fast-food chains) claiming eateries should not be blamed for "public's poor eating choices and lack of exercise." But too often the public's poor eating choices are the result of too few healthy menu choices, including too many carbohydrates and too few places offering a healthier soft drink choice, such as those containing neither sugar nor caffeine.

Diabetics are told after the fact about "all foods being converted to sugar by their digestive system, with carbohydrates most quickly converted." And everyone is warned to avoid caffeine during hot weather. Question: Why don't diabetes research groups warn the public of these important points and thus help prevent diabetes for millions of consumers, rather than just warning the overweight public they are at greater risk for diabetes? Isn't an ounce of prevention still worth a pound of cure?

And as the Food and Drug Administration targets the obesity crisis, it notes that two-thirds of Americans are overweight, this is overtaking tobacco as the leading cause of preventable death; thus the FDA wants better food labels and eatery menus to help us cut calories and lose weight. The bottom line: If eateries would serve healthier menus, as noted above, such action would better serve the public and they'd need no federal law banning obesity lawsuits.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Thanks!

In observance of Children's Dental Health Month, CommuniCare Health Centers' Dental Program in conjunction with the Sacramento Valley Dental Hygienists Group held a special cleaning and fluoride treatment clinic on February 7th.

CommuniCare Health Centers would like to thank the Sacramento Valley Dental Hygienists who volunteered their time to provide free dental hygiene services to 28 low-income children from Winters, Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento. They provided scaling, polishing, fluoride, dental screening and oral hygiene instruction. All the children left with smiles, a toothbrush and toothpaste and a balloon. The older children received a free Crest Spinbrush donated by one of the hygienists, Lori Duncan. Hygienists providing treatment were Melissa Benton, Lori Duncan, Carol Lee, Chris Miller, Diann Azevedo, Judy Boothby, and Tonya Clark.

The support staff instrumental in making the event successful included Joanne Baschiera, Lisa Harrison, and Patricia Oliveira. Western Career College Dental Assisting students helped prepare the rooms and dental instruments and included Holly Costa, Alicia Reyes, Claudia Rodriguez, heather Sheridan, Ashley Roach, Melissa Arnold and Laura Moritz. Noah's Bagels of Davis provided bagels and CommuniCare Health Centers provided other snacks for the volunteers.

We would also like to thank Yolo County Supervisor Lynnel Pollock who dropped by to lend his support for dental health for underserved children. The even was co-organized by Gail Griffin of Sacramento Valley Dental Hygienists and Marjie Armstrong, Smile Saver Program Coordinator for CommuniCare Health Centers.

Thank you for your commitment to improving our children's oral health!

ROBIN AFFRIME
CommuniCare Health Centers

Police log

March 11, 9:59 p.m.

An officer responded to Sherman Island Road, where a couple of people report they had been walking in their neighborhood when an incident occurred. A vehicle came by at high speed and the residents exchanged words with the driver – who soon made another pass, forcing them to seek cover in the yard of a nearby house. Police arrested the driver after a scuffle.

March 12, 9 p.m.

A citizen saw a person hanging himself from a tree along Riverbank Road, and cut the victim down and then called 911. Police and medical aid personnel responded. The person was uninjured and was placed in a hospital on a mental health hold.

March 12, 10:26 p.m.

A 31-year old man was arrested for battering his live-in girlfriend and displaying a knife in a threatening manner as she called 911.

March 12, 10:43 a.m.

Two officers responded to a call that a man was approaching people at 5th and C streets, trying to sell cocaine. An officer attempted to contact a suspect at that location and the suspect ran. After a chase, the suspect, who was wearing clothes similar to those reported on the drug salesperson, was arrested.

March 13, 8:30 a.m.

On the 700-block of Walnut, a Toyota was reportedly stolen during the night.

March 13, 12:32 p.m.

Two officers were dispatched regarding a runaway juvenile from a Sacramento foster care facility. The juvenile was on Merkley Avenue. Sacramento Child Protective Services personnel declined to pick the juvenile up, because the placement had been made by Placer County officials. After an officer was "tied up" for several hours on the case, CPS personnel claimed the youth.

March 12, 6:50 a.m.

On Westacre Road, a caller reported that someone had taken parts from a car during the night.

March 12, 6 p.m.

Near 3rd and D streets, numerous transients were contacted by police and warned and moved away from that location. One was arrested for being drunk in public.

March 14, 12:35 p.m.

A West Sacramento woman said her ex had called her from jail and told her not to testify in his domestic violence case. Police asked jail officials to suspend the prisoner's phone privileges.

March 14, 5:54 p.m.

On Todhunter Ave., an officer saw two females fighting. One was arrested for felony battery after biting the victim several times. She was cited and released.

March 14, 9:35 p.m.

A man was arrested after he threatened Maple Street residents with a knife. He was found in an apartment, and resisted arrest, but was taken into custody after being bitten by a police dog.

March 14, 1:30 a.m.

An officer responded to a Sacramento hospital that reported a two year old might be a possible victim of a West Sacramento molestation case. The child was taken to UCD Medical Center for an evidentiary exam.

March 13, 11:31 p.m.

Officers responded to information that a wanted man was at a 4th Street location. They found him under a rubbish pile in a backyard. He refused to come out. A police dog went in after him, and he was arrested.

March 14, 1:36 a.m.

An officer was dispatched regarding vehicle vandalism. It was determined that a 26-year old man had thrown a brick through the front windshield of a moving car. He also had warrants, and was booked.

March 15, 1:36 a.m.

Police contacted a 19-year old man on Walnut Street after receiving a report that shots had been heard. The man had a loaded handgun concealed in his pocket.

March 14, 11:01 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to a Canna Way home where occupants reported that a woman broke a window, tried and failed to enter through it, threatened them and then left in a vehicle.

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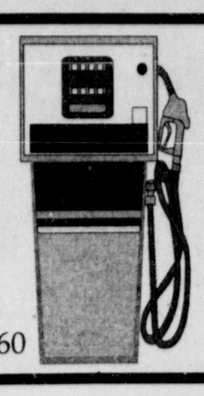
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Local Scene

Benefit for 'Meals'

Friends of "Meals on Wheels" presents the annual Epicurean Esprit, to be held Thurs., May 20. The fundraiser offers you cuisine and wine from many of Yolo County's finest chefs and winemakers, and proceeds benefit the "Meals on Wheels" program, which brings food to local shut-ins. Tickets are $40 and will go on sale April 1. Call the Elderly Nutrition Program, (530) 662-7035.

History photos

The West Sacramento Historical Society is compiling a photo history of the West Sacramento area. Anyone with old snapshots of local events, landscapes and buildings – both remote and recent – is invited to contact Jeri Hughes Wingfield at 371-7678 before early May. The society plans to copy and return photographs.

Veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 invites military veterans to join. Any vet with an honorable discharge who served overseas in a hostile zone or received a medal for such service may be eligible. Call Hugh King, 371-7245.

Animal shelter

Yolo County Sheriff E.G. Prieto announces that the T.S. and K.D. Glide Annex of the county animal shelter will hold a grand opening on Friday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited. The new building will offer increased and improved housing for cats, rabbits and small exotic pets, and will include a room in which potential adopters or volunteers may spend time with animals. The building's dedication will be held at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a used book sale to benefit the shelter. The Yolo County Animal Services facility is located in Woodland at 41831 Gibson Rd., just west of C.R. 102.

Bus to Reno

The Italian Catholic Federation #282 will sponsor a bus trip to the Cal Neva Casino in Reno on March 22. Cost is $23, with a $10 cash rebate. Departure is at 10 a.m. and return time is 9:20 p.m. Call 371-4871.

Cheer & Stunt team

Tryouts for next year's River City High School Cheer & Stunt Team will be held April 16 at 6 p.m. on the school quad. An informational parent meeting is scheduled for March 23 at 6 p.m., and a tryout clinic will be held in the school gym April 12 through 15 from 6-8 p.m. For information, call Leslie Pruitt, Advisor/Coach, 417-4722.

Voter registration

The West Sacramento Republicans will hold a voter registration drive and community "meet and greet" at the Bridgeway Island Community Park, Sun., March 21, from noon to 3 p.m. To volunteer or receive more information, call 375-0700 or visit www.yologop.org.

Adult Softball

The city parks department is accepting registration for adult softball leagues, with league play beginning April 5. $365 per team includes 12 games plus playoffs. Men's, Women's, Coed and Corporate divisions are available. Deadline is March 12. Call 617-4620.

Teen basketball

Registration for teen basketball is being accepted by the city parks department. Open to teens age 13-17, the league begins March 27, with Saturday games. Player evaluation/draft is scheduled for Sat., March 13 at Golden State Middle School's gym. $45 per player includes jersey & eight games. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 617-4620.

Anne of Green Gables

The West Sacramento branch of the county library will present a program on "Anne of Green Gables" on Sat., March 20 at 3 p.m., 1212 Merkley Avenue. There will be stories, displays, crafts and treats.

German POWs

On Sunday, March 28, The Yolo County Historical Society will focus on the German prisoner of war farm labor camps in Yolo County in 1945 and 1946. The POWs were used for farm laborers in Clarksburg and Davis. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Clarksburg Library, 52915 Netherlands Rd.

Bingo!

Casa Mobile Park at 1050 West Capitol Avenue will host bingo games every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Set-up fee is 50 cents, two cards for 25 cents.

Volunteers?

The "Meals on Wheels" program is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound citizens, between 10:45 a.m. and noon on weekdays. Volunteers available on an "on call" basis are also needed. Call Patty Hickey, 373-5805.

Your two bits

Take part in a survey that is being used to shape West Sacramento's economic future: Surveys are being mailed by the City of West Sacramento and AngelouEconomics, and will also be available at city offices at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. You may also fill out a survey online at www.shapeWSac.com.

State of the City

West Sacramento's annual 'State of the City' mayor's address and dinner is being scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the civic center. The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is still seeking sponsors. For information on attendance or sponsorship, call 371-7042.

Hazardous waste

Yolo County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Sat., March 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the county landfill on C.R. 28H. Materials accepted will include cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, paint, antifreeze, partly-full aerosol cans, pesticides, auto batteries, used motor oil and similar household items. For more information, call (530) 757-5564. Businesses may call the same number for information on business waste disposal.

Swim team

The West Sacramento Dolphins Swim Team is sponsoring a bus trip to the Silver Legacy in Reno on Sat., April 17, with participants expected to arrive at Southport Elementary School (2747 Linden Rd.) prior to 7:45 a.m. for departure. $26 per person, with a $10 rebate and $5 coupon food coupon upon arrival. Call 371-8405 or 371-4570 for reservations. Proceeds benefit the swim club.

Arts activists

The Yolo County Arts Council is looking for representation from the West Sacramento and Clarksburg areas. It already has representation from Davis and Woodland, but the council's lone West Sacramentan will end service in March. If you are interested in bringing arts to the region, call Julie Leber at 617-4620 or the council office at (530) 666-8210.

Grand jurors wanted

Applications are now being accepted for service on the 2004-2005 Yolo County Grand Jury, formed to review local government operations and making recommendations. The grand jury also considers criminal indictments based on evidence presented. Among the requirements are residence in Yolo County, U.S. citizenship and other bases. Call 375-6491 for more information and an application. Applications are due by April 2.

Come on in

The water's fine. Join the West Sacramento Dolphins swim team for the 2004 season. Area youth are invited to register on Saturdays, March 13 or 20 at Whitey's Jolly Kone on Jefferson Blvd. or on Sat., March 27 at River City High School. Registration is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at these events, or you may register at the annual barbecue at the VFW Hall Sun., April 4, from 2-5 p.m. Please bring a copy of birth certificate. $70 registration ($60 for other swimmers in same family). For information, call 372-8671.

Learn to row

If you've been intrigued by the sight of rowers skimming along waters of the barge canal, you may be interested in signing up for a "learn to row" program offered by West Sacramento's River City Rowing Club this summer. Rowers may move on to recreational rowing or competitive rowing after this introductory class. Visit www.RiverCityRowing.org for more information and sign up early as each session fills up quickly.

Help the nursery

The Friends of the Yolo Crisis Nursery plans a county-wide fundraising campaign to benefit the facility, which offers "safe haven" for children up to age five in times of family stress. The "Friends" plan on distributing garden pot donation receptacles in local businesses and inviting customers to "plant a seed" by making a donation. Those who contribute will receive a floral pin to wear during April, which is "National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To learn more, call Heidy Kellison, (530) 753-2646.

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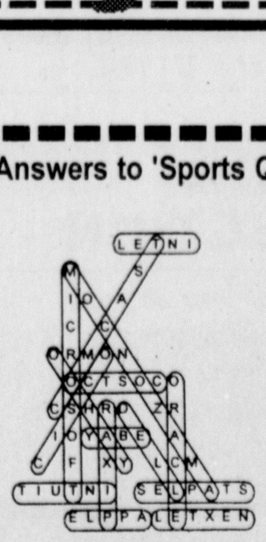
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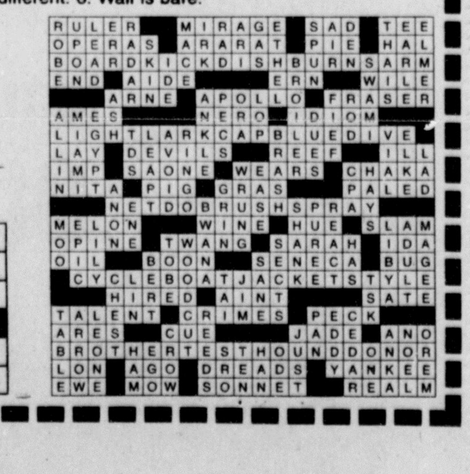
1. Steve Chilcott (1966), Mike Ivie (1970), Danny Goodwin (1971, '75), B.J. Surhoff (1985) and Joe Mauer (2001).
2. He has hit double digits 12 times.
3. Five — Marcus Allen (1981), Mike Rozier (1983), Barry Sanders (1988), Rashaan Salaam (1994) and Ricky Williams (1998).
4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 14,211 points.
5. Dan Fritsche did it earlier this season.
6. Hendrick Motorsports (Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte).
7. Five — three Australian Opens (1997, '98, '99), one Wimbledon (1997) and one U.S. Open (1997).



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